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PREFACE

The printing of these fourteenth century records of Lincolnshire sessions of the peace is due to Miss B. H. Putnam, who discovered the rolls in the Public Record Office many years ago and brought them to the notice of the Lincoln Record Society. The editing of the rolls has involved the examination of many other documents, in particular the records of the court of King's Bench, in order to trace the subsequent history of the cases begun before the justices of the peace. It has been decided to follow the example set by Mrs Stenton in her volume *Earliest Lincolnshire Assize Rolls*, and to print the rolls in Latin, with English summaries of the more difficult passages in the chief texts. The Latin of fourteenth century presentments is largely a matter of 'common form', and a complete translation would have involved much unnecessary repetition. Certain conclusions based upon a study of the rolls, and a discussion of some of the many unsolved problems connected with them have been attempted in the Introduction.

My gratitude to those who have helped in the work of editing is intensified by the consciousness of my own inexperience. Special thanks are due to the late Canon Foster, whose patience and kindness were inexhaustible, and who read both the manuscript and the first proofs of the book; to Miss Major and Mr Gibbons, who also read the proofs; and to Mrs Stenton, who, since Canon Foster's death, has taken his place as sponsor of the book. The greatest debt of all, and one which I can never adequately express nor fully repay, I owe to Miss Putnam. It was from her that I learnt the principles of historical research; she suggested that I should edit the rolls; and I have had the benefit of her great learning, unfailing advice and generous encouragement at every stage of a work which, but for her, could never have been attempted.

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RULES FOR TRANSCRIPTION

In transcribing and arranging the manuscript material I have, in general, followed the practice of Mrs Stenton in her edition of *The Earliest Lincolnshire Assize Rolls*, but in a few cases it has seemed advisable to make my own rules.

1. The cases in the peace rolls have been numbered for ease of reference.

2. The extracts from the different King's Bench and Gaol Delivery rolls which form the Appendixes have been grouped together according to the peace roll cases to which they refer and the groups numbered with Roman numerals.

3. The only punctuation which has been introduced is the placing of a full stop before capital letters where these obviously indicate the beginning of sentence. Long passages, such as the commissions of the peace and some of the King's Bench trials, have been broken up into paragraphs for the convenience of the reader.

4. The practice of the rolls with regard to spelling and with regard to i, j, u, and v has been followed. Place and personal names have been extended where possible, but the note of abbreviation at the end of a name has not been extended.

5. The modern practice in the use of capital letters has been followed.

6. Interlineations have been placed in round brackets with a superior 'i', cancellations in round brackets with a superior 'c'. Anything added to the legible text has been put in square brackets.

INTRODUCTION

I

THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL BACKGROUND. 1360-77

The documents to be discussed in the following chapters were compiled during a critical period, and if their full significance is to be appreciated they must be studied against the social background of fourteenth century England and in relation to the main political issues of the time.

The year 1360 marks a stage in the reign of Edward III. The treaty of Calais, which was signed in October of that year, brought to an end the king's career of military glory, and during the last seventeen years of his long life the attention of the historian is focussed, not on the battlefields of France, but on political developments in England and on the social changes which had been stimulated by the Black Death of 1349.

These years are divided into two clearly marked periods by the renewal of the French war in 1369. The earlier period, from 1360 to 1369, was a time of peace and reconstruction during which the unrest which later became apparent was still below the surface. Until Queen Philippa's death in 1369 Edward's court, as we look at it through the eyes of Froissart, who entered the queen's household in 1361 and remained a member of it until she died, was still characterised by the brilliance of earlier days. The king himself had not yet lost his vigour and energy, though 'surrounded by a band of grown-up sons' for whom he was engaged in providing by marriages and endowments. From the intellectual and artistic point of view these years were marked by great activity and by the growth of a national spirit which had been stimulated by the foreign war, and which found expression in the development of a typically English style of architecture, and in a growing use of English rather than French as the language of literature and of the court.¹ Chaucer had already begun to write, though his greatest achievements came after his return from Italy in 1373; Langland probably composed the first version of *Piers the Plowman* in 1362; Wycliffe was already launched on a successful academic career at Oxford, though he did not come into political prominence until 1374. The country, though not in general as flourishing as it had been before the Black Death, was not unprosperous.² Chaucer, with his genial

¹ Tout, *Political History*, pp. 420-23.

² The woollen industry, for instance, made a remarkable recovery after the Black Death, between 1356 and 1369. H. L. Gray, *E.H.R.* xxxix. 13-35.

view of life and of human nature, gives an impression of well-being and cheerfulness among the upper and middle classes which is, however, partly contradicted by Langland's picture of life among the poor. But even Langland is concerned with social abuses rather than with material suffering, and there is 'plenty of rough comfort and coarse enjoyment in the England through which 'Long Will' stalked moodily'.¹

Above all, the recent investigations of Professor Tout have shown that during these years, and especially between 1360 and 1365, the king's ministers, led by William of Wykeham, whose dominance lasted from 1360 until 1371,² were responsible for 'the most sincere attempt towards administrative and financial reform made during the whole of this long reign'.³ Their chief concern was with the retrenchment and reorganisation necessitated by a long period of war. Professor Tout has even discovered balance sheets drawn up by the exchequer for several of these years which testify to a real and, for the times, remarkable effort to deal with the problem of national finance in a business-like way. The importance of this period from the administrative point of view is best explained in his own words:

Side by side with constructive movements went the punishment of delinquent officers, and a serious effort to wipe out war-time liabilities and make the state pay its way from year to year. In result, perhaps also in intention, a large measure of financial and administrative reconstruction was attained which, with all its imperfections, showed a real development of the administrative system into a more complete and coherent whole.⁴

A stimulus to the reforming activity of the ministers was supplied by the various parliaments which, between 1362 and 1368, reviewed and criticised the situation. It is of particular interest to the student of legal history that one of the administrative reforms suggested by the commons in 1365, but not carried out, was the fixing of the King's Bench at Westminster or York, 'la ou le commune Bank demoert (where the common Bench remains)', in order that 'les Communes' might be spared the trouble and expense of coming before it on its visits to the different counties and might not suffer 'pur le noun-certeinte de lieu (by reason of the uncertainty as to place)'.⁵

All these efforts at reconstruction automatically came to an end when war with France broke out again in 1369, and during the last eight years of the reign the whole scene was changed. In the words of Stubbs:

From that date nothing prospered with Edward. Unsuccessful in war, luxurious in peace, he seemed to be reversing the glories of his early

¹ Tout, *Political History*, p. 424.

² He reached the height of his power in 1367, when he became chancellor and was consecrated bishop of Winchester.

³ Tout, *Chapters*, iii, 263-4.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *R.P.* ii, 286.

years, and, as his victories grew fewer and his popularity diminished, political questions at home became more threatening.¹

It seemed to contemporaries a bad omen that the year which saw the renewal of hostilities saw also the third serious outbreak of the plague. In the same year Queen Philippa died and the king, whose health was beginning to decline, fell more and more under the influence of his mistress, Alice Perrers. After one unsuccessful attempt to get to France in 1372, he seldom moved from Windsor or from his favourite neighbouring manors. The prince of Wales, too, was a sick man, and in 1371 was forced to return to England from Aquitaine, leaving the conduct of the war to his brother, John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaster.²

In 1371 came the fall of Wykeham and his colleagues of the peace ministry. They had incurred unpopularity by their conduct of the war and when parliament met in February, 1371, it refused to grant a much-needed subsidy until the king agreed to appoint laymen as his ministers and to replace Wykeham, the chancellor, and bishop Brantingham, the treasurer, by Sir Robert Thorpe, chief justice of the Common Bench,³ and by Sir Richard Scrope. Stubbs sees in this ministerial crisis an anti-clerical movement led by the young earl of Pembroke, John of Hastings, and indirectly backed by John of Gaunt. Tout's view, however, is that there was not so much a clear-cut issue between laymen and clerks as a dislike of the expert on the part of the ordinary barons, that the earl of Pembroke, whose importance Stubbs has overstressed, was the spokesman of the pro-war rather than of the anti-clerical party, and that John of Gaunt, who was in Aquitaine at the time, was innocent of any share in the attack on the ministers. He points out that the new parliament, which met in November, 1372, witnessed 'an outcry against the lawyers more marked than the outcry of 1371 against clerks': the only one of its petitions to become a statute was directed against the election as knights of the shire of lawyers practising in the king's courts.

Meanwhile, the war had been going badly since the prince of Wales resigned the command. In 1372 the earl of Pembroke was defeated and captured at sea and the English lost control of Poitou. In 1373 a parliament had to be called to pay for a costly and fruitless march through France which John of Gaunt had undertaken earlier in the year, and the commons, after taking counsel with a committee of the lords, voted considerable supplies on condition that they should be spent only on the war. In 1374 the duke of Lancaster began negotiations for peace and finally concluded an

¹ Stubbs, *Const. Hist.* (3rd ed.), ii, 418.

² Lionel duke of Clarence, Edward's second son, died in 1368.

³ He died in the following year and was succeeded by Sir John Knyvett, chief justice of the King's Bench.

⁴ Tout, *Chapters*, iii, 282.

unsatisfactory truce in 1375 which lasted practically until the king's death. During this time, owing to the illness of the king and the prince and the absence of the duke, there was no strong hand in control of the government, which became increasingly corrupt and inefficient. This corruption in high places, together with the unsatisfactory state of foreign affairs, bad harvests and a fresh outbreak of the plague,¹ accounts for the general and growing dissatisfaction which at last found an outlet in the parliament summoned to vote supplies shortly after John of Gaunt's return from the continent. This was the famous 'Good Parliament', which sat from April until July, 1376, and was the focal point of these last months of the reign.

According to the author of the *Anonimale Chronicle*, 'tiel parlement ne fuist unques oye avaunt ne si longement enduraunt (such a parliament was never heard of before, nor one of such long duration)',² However, the chief reason for its importance in the eyes of the modern historian is not its length but the prominent part in its proceedings taken by the commons, led by their able and courageous speaker, Sir Peter de la Mare. It is clear that they had no wish to make drastic changes in the government, but that they were determined to check the slackness and corruption of certain members of it and, by the removal of definite abuses, to render it more efficient both in its central and local branches. Their first step, following the example of the parliament of 1373, was to ask for the appointment of a committee of twelve lords, in consultation with whom they proceeded to impeach Lord Latimer, the king's chamberlain and a privy councillor, Richard Lyons, a London merchant and a member of the household, and others, for malversation and fraud of various kinds, including forestalling on a large scale and the violation of the Calais staple. They also launched an attack against Alice Perrers, who had used her position to secure riches and lands for herself and who had been in the habit of 'maintaining' suits in the king's courts. Latimer and Lyons and some of their associates were finally condemned to loss of office and imprisonment, and the king promised to have no more to do with Alice Perrers. The commons had meanwhile secured the strengthening of the king's council by the appointment of ten or twelve new members, named by them, without whom nothing important was to be done and six or four of whom were to be always in attendance. Finally they drew up and presented an immense roll of petitions,³ a hundred and forty in number, which constitute a review of the administration in all its branches. Among them are demands that annual parliaments be held⁴; that knights of the shire be chosen by 'the better folk of the shire', not merely nominated by the sheriff without due election⁴; that sheriffs be

¹ *Anonimale Chronicle*, p. 79. 'In the year 1365 was the fourth pestilence in the north country'.

² *Ibid.*

³ *R.P.* ii, 331-57.

⁴ No. 128.

elected annually and not appointed by the exchequer¹; that justices of the peace be appointed in parliament, sworn before the council, and assigned suitable wages²; that the statutes of labourers be enforced³ and that the enforcement of the laws regulating purveyance be entrusted to justices of the peace.⁴ In the words of Stubbs: The petitions prove that the government was ill-administered rather than that any resolute project for retarding the growth of popular freedom was entertained by the administrators. . . . There was no strong repressive policy, no deliberate purpose of creating a despotism, no purpose of retaining unconstitutional expedients for government; but, on the other hand, there was no check on dishonesty and extortion among public servants, nor any determination to enforce the constitutional law.⁵

It may be worth while to examine in some detail certain of these petitions which afford specific information as to the prevalence of lawlessness and breaches of the peace throughout the country and which are therefore of particular interest in connection with the justices of the peace, one of whose chief responsibilities was the enforcement of law and order. The tenth petition complains of a lack of servants in all the shires of England,

par cause qe plusieurs forts Ribauds mendinent et ne vuillent labourere, mes par faitene tapissent en Citees et Borghs par cause de lour corps . . . (because many strong rogues beg and will not work but lurk in idleness in cities and boroughs for their bodies' ease . . .).

The king, in his reply, after suggesting the enforcement of the statutes of Winchester,⁶ and 'Roberdesmen'⁷ as the best means of dealing with the evil, orders that those 'strong rogues' who pretend to be gentlemen, men-at-arms, or archers injured in the wars, are to be compelled to 'serve' unless they can prove their claim. The two petitions for the enforcement of the labour laws are couched in even more vivid language. It is complained that many labourers who leave their masters and take to wandering and begging

devenent staffstrikers et mesnent auxint ocious vie et comunement desrobent la pitaille en symple Villages . . . et . . . devenent fortes larounes et encrecent de eux roberies et felonies de jour en altre (become staffstrikers and lead idle lives and commonly rob the poor folk in simple villages . . . and become hardy thieves and daily increase their robberies and felonies).

¹ No. 128. ² No. 16. ³ Nos. 57, 58. ⁴ Nos. 69, 109.

⁵ Stubbs, *Const. Hist.* (3rd ed.), ii, 434.

⁶ 13 Edward I. This, the first great 'peace' statute, was in reality a codification of earlier law and custom connected with the assize of arms, duties of watch and ward, pursuit of felons with hue and cry, and arrest of suspicious strangers in towns. Stubbs describes it as 'a monument of the persistence of primitive institutions working their way through the superstructure of feudalism and gaining strength in the process' (Stubbs, *Select Charters*, 9th ed., p. 463).

⁷ 5 Edward III, c. 14. It enforces the clause of Winchester concerned with the arrest by constables of suspicious strangers and of 'people that be called Roberdesmen, Wastors and Drawlatches'.

The sixteenth petition deals with the familiar evil of 'maintenance'¹ and states that

Justices de la Pees sont souvent assignez par brocage des Meyntenours du pays qe font grande outrage par leur mayntenance as povres gentz du pays et sont communement mayntenours de les mesfesours (Justices of the peace are often appointed by the brocage of maintainers of the country who do great wrong to the poor folk by their maintenance and commonly maintain evil-doers).

The one hundred and fourth, which seems to be directed against breaches of the statute of Northampton,² complains of plusieurs gentz en diverse parties d'Engleterre qi chivachent ove grande nombres des gentz armez (many folk in diverse parts of England who ride about armed with great numbers of armed followers.)

These petitions are confirmed in a remarkable manner by a passage in *Piers the Plowman*, the second version of which was written in 1377. Langland must have had the events of 1376 in mind when he described the parliament in which 'peace' presents a bill complaining that 'wrong' has stolen his wife and inflicted many injuries upon him:

Bothe my gees and my grys his gadelynges feccheth ;
I dar nou3te for fere of him fy3te ne chyde.
He borwed of me bayard he brou3te hym home neure,
Ne no ferthyng perfore for nau3te I couthe plede.
He meynteneth his men to norther myne hewen,
Forstalleth my feyres and fi3teth in my chepyng,
And breketh up my bernes dore and bereth aweye my whete,
And taketh me but a taile for ten quarters of otes ;
And 3et he bet me per-to and lyth bi my Mayde,
I nam nou3te hardy for him uneth to loke.³

An examination of the Lincolnshire peace rolls proves that the picture of lawlessness suggested by the petitions of the commons and the words of Langland is by no means exaggerated.⁴

From the political point of view the importance of the Good Parliament lies in the revival of the old struggle between the court party, represented by 'the corrupt camarilla of household servants',⁵ such as Latimer and his brother-in-law, Lord Nevill, and the constitutional opposition, represented by the commons and the committee associated with them. The most prominent members of this committee were Edmund Mortimer, the earl of March, William of Wykeham, the bishop of Winchester, and William Courtenay,

¹ I.e. interference in a suit pending in a court of law, or assisting one of the parties with money, physical force, etc.

² Edward III the second of the 'peace' statutes, though only one of its clauses (c. 3) was really concerned with the peace and enforced by justices of the peace. This clause was directed against those who rode armed, 'in affray of the peace', before the king's justices, or in fairs, markets and elsewhere.

³ *Piers the Plowman* iv, 48-60 (B version).

⁴ Cf. Miss Putnam, *Transformation*, pp. 19-20.

⁵ Tout, *Chapters*, iii, 297.

the bishop of London. The opposition was known also to have the support of the prince of Wales, but he was too ill to take any part in affairs and, in fact, he died in June, while parliament was still sitting. According to Stubbs and his school the villain of the piece throughout the parliament was John of Gaunt, who actively supported the court faction and 'the corrupt agency of the king's mistress' in order to overthrow the influence of the prince of Wales and gain control of the government.¹ In this, as in other respects, the traditional view has been corrected by the researches of more recent historians and especially of Professor Tout, who has shown that the duke did not come to the fore as the head of the court party until after the prince's death and the end of the parliament. Up to 1376 his absorption in foreign affairs had prevented him from taking any part in domestic politics except to enlist 'rising politicians and warriors under his banner in order to strengthen the war party'. On his return to England the incapacity of his father and brother forced him to play a prominent part, but throughout the parliamentary session he acted as the king's representative and 'followed his father's policy of bending before the storm'.² Tout, in fact, sees no evidence of friction between him and the prince until the very day of the latter's death, but says that the prince acted as a restraining influence upon him. By degrees, however, the dictatorial attitude of the commons and their supporters irritated the duke. Moreover, there was a natural rivalry between him and the earl of March, the leader of the constitutional party, which was strengthened after the prince's death by the fact that only the latter's son, Richard, and March's son, Roger Mortimer, stood between the duke and the throne. He acted very cautiously at first, but by the end of 1376 he had completely identified himself with the 'courtier gang', and during the remainder of the reign he used his position as head of the government to undo all that the Good Parliament had done.

No statutes were based on its petitions and the additional members of the council appointed at its request were soon dismissed. The impeached ministers were restored, not only to liberty but to office, Alice Perrers reappeared at court and the king was persuaded to make Lancaster and Latimer the executors of his will. Not content with this, the duke proceeded to take his revenge on the leaders of the opposition. In the autumn of 1376 Wykeham was convicted of malversation before a special commission appointed by the government and was deprived of his temporalities, Sir Peter de la Mare was imprisoned on trumped-up charges, and the earl of March was practically forced to resign the office of marshal. Finally, after various members of the ministry had been replaced by partisans of the duke, a systematically packed parliament was

¹ Stubbs, *Const. Hist.* (3rd ed.), ii, 428.

² Tout, *op. cit.*, iii, 307.

summoned in January, 1377, to vote supplies and give the government a show of popular support by presenting petitions asking for the restoration of the victims of 1376.

The work of the Good Parliament was thus completely overthrown, but events soon showed that John of Gaunt had carried his high-handed policy too far. Before the 'bad parliament' dispersed there were signs of a revolt on the part of some of the lords, who refused to associate themselves with the petitions of the subservient house of commons. At the same time the clergy, enraged by the attack on Wykeham, refused to vote supplies until the bishop was allowed to take his place in convocation. The duke retorted by summoning John Wycliffe to his counsels, thinking that the latter's growing reputation as an opponent of clerical aggrandisement made him 'a good enough stick for beating the recalcitrant clergy'.¹ The bishops thereupon accused Wycliffe of heresy and at his trial at St Paul's in February, 1377, an open quarrel between his patron, the duke, and Courtenay, the popular bishop of London, caused serious rioting on the part of the Londoners, who were only prevented from wrecking the duke's palace of the Savoy by the intervention of the bishop himself. Shortly afterwards Wykeham was restored to his temporalities by the king and council in despite of John of Gaunt.

Thus, even before the old king's death in June, 1377, the duke's power had suffered a decline and, what was worse, he had incurred the bitter hatred of the London mob, which, four years later, during the Great Revolt, was nearly to cost him his life. The period of his greatest influence, which had scarcely begun at the time of the inclusion of his name in the Lincolnshire commissions of the peace, to be discussed below, ended with his father's life. He was never again to be so powerful as during the last few months of Edward's reign.

II

EXPLANATION OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE ROLLS

It is now nearly thirty years since Miss B. H. Putnam first announced her discovery of certain rolls of proceedings before justices of the peace in the fourteenth century, preserved at the Public Record Office in the class of documents known then as 'Assize Rolls'.² At intervals since then she has published further lists of similar rolls for many different counties during the fourteenth

¹ Tout, *op. cit.*, iii, 319.

² *The Justices of Labourers in the Fourteenth Century*, E.H.R. xxi, 517-38. The class of 'Assize Rolls' is now known as Justices Itinerant 1.

and fifteenth centuries,¹ included among 'Assize Rolls', 'Ancient Indictments,' and 'Gaul Delivery Rolls'.² There is thus, at the present time, a considerable body of comparatively accessible material for a study of the activities of the justices of the peace previous to the sixteenth century.³

The preservation of this material among the archives of the central government, rather than among local and family records, is explained by a study of the migrations of the court of King's Bench, which, during the fourteenth and early fifteenth centuries, went on tour at frequent but irregular intervals. Like the Eyre in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, the Bench, wherever it came, superseded all other jurisdictions for the time,⁴ and the justices of the peace, in common with other local courts, sent in records of cases pending before them, in order that these might be 'determined' by the justices of the Bench. The latter, on their return to Westminster, would naturally take with them these records, which thus remained among the other rolls of the central courts. In almost every case, the dates of the rolls of justices of the peace in the Public Record Office have proved to coincide with a visit of the King's Bench to the county concerned, and the trials of many of the cases recorded in these rolls are found in the *coram Rege* rolls.

Not only the preservation of the peace rolls,⁵ but, in many cases, their actual compilation is due to the migrations of the King's Bench. It seems that the records of proceedings before justices of the peace were formally enrolled only when they were needed by the court of King's Bench or the chancery. Normally they remained in their original state—a mass of writs, panels, indictments, and so forth, written upon separate slips of parchment—in the keeping of one of the justices. Most of them were probably thrown away after a time, or remained forgotten among other family papers, and were eventually lost or destroyed.

Of the five Lincolnshire peace rolls published in the present volume, three—the Holland roll (H), the later Lindsey roll (LL), and the later Kesteven roll (KK)—were compiled in preparation for the visit of the King's Bench to Lincoln in 1375.⁶ They consist

¹ *Early Records of the Justices of the Peace, E.H.R.* xxviii, 321–30; *The Ancient Indictments in the Public Record Office, E.H.R.* xxix, 479–505; *The Keepers of the Peace and their Supervisors, 1307–27, E.H.R.* xlv, 435–44.

² Now known as *Justices Itinerant 3*.

³ Extracts from many of these rolls are to be published by Miss Putnam in a forthcoming volume.

⁴ *Lib. Ass. Mich.* 27 Edward III, pl. 1: 'Shard dit que cest place [banke le Roy] est Eire et plus haut que Eire quar si Eire fuit assise en une Countee ot banke le Roy viegne en cel counte leire cessera'.

⁵ For the sake of brevity this term has been adopted in preference to 'rolls of justices of the peace' or 'rolls of sessions of the peace'.

⁶ The connection of these three rolls with the visit of the King's Bench was explained by Miss Putnam in her article in *E.H.R.* xxix (see note 1, above).

of enrolments of 'undetermined' indictments for the years 1373-5, many of which were subsequently tried in the King's Bench. The heading of the Kesteven roll removes all possible doubt as to the purpose of the enrolment:

Indictments and presentments taken in the parts of Kesteven, co. Lincoln, and not yet terminated before (*coram*) Roger de Meres etc. and delivered by the said justices to the lord king (*coram domino rege*) at Lincoln in the octaves of St Michael in the forty-ninth year of King Edward.

This roll and the Lindsey roll must have been hastily compiled between the termination of the September sessions of the peace¹ and the arrival of the Bench, early in October. The writer of the Lindsey roll was evidently so pressed for time that he omitted to enrol the indictments made at the final session on September 20th, and contented himself with stitching the two loose parchment 'bills' upon which they were written to the last membrane of the roll.

The earlier Kesteven roll (K) is not, strictly speaking, a 'roll' at all, but a collection of strips of parchment of varying size, similar to the two 'bills' referred to above, containing indictments made at various sessions in 1371 and not 'determined'. For some reason—perhaps pressure of time—these were sent in to the King's Bench in their original state, instead of being neatly enrolled, and they afford an excellent example of the type of raw material from which the other rolls were compiled.

The early Lindsey roll (L) is less easily explained. It is a particularly neat and methodical record of indictments for trespass made in 1360-61,² with the fines by which they were terminated. It forms, at present, the first two membranes of a composite roll of which membranes 3-9 contain proceedings before a commission of sewers in Holderness in 1368 (unfortunately so badly preserved as to be practically illegible), and membranes 10-14 form the Holland peace roll already described. That the three portions of the roll were originally quite distinct from each other is evident from the difference in the size of membranes, handwriting, and general arrangement, and from the fact that the four membranes of the Holland peace roll contain the original numbering, 'primus,' 'ij,' etc., in addition to the more recently added '10', '11', etc. The only connection between them seems to be that Thomas de Ingelby, puisne judge of the King's Bench from 1361-78, was one of the two justices who took the fines in Lindsey in 1361, a commissioner of sewers in Holderness in 1368, and a justice of the peace in Holland from 1368-75.³ It is just possible that the Lindsey record of indictments and fines was compiled for Ingelby's benefit

¹ See table of sessions in chapter IV, 1, below.

² See chapter IV, 1, below.

³ See chapter VIII, below. The commission of sewers was appointed on May 8th, 1368 (*C.P.R.* 1367-70, p. 138).

and was taken by him to Westminster, where some clerk or archivist of a later date amalgamated it with the other membranes, upon which Ingelby's name appears. It has, in any case, no immediate connection with the visit of the King's Bench to Lincoln and, partly for this reason, is not of such general interest as the other four peace rolls. Nevertheless, it should undoubtedly be included in the group, which, taken as a whole, constitutes an invaluable source of information as to the activities of the justices of the peace in Lincolnshire during the latter part of the reign of Edward III.¹

III

THE COMMISSION OF THE PEACE

1. THE FORM OF THE FOURTEENTH CENTURY COMMISSION

During the course of the fourteenth century the commission of the peace, as the result of many experiments and of a bewildering number of changes, finally achieved a form which, but for certain additions and comparatively unimportant alterations, was to remain practically the same until 1590. This is not the place for a detailed account of the commission and of its antecedents, but a few words of explanation are necessary, in order that the Lincolnshire commissions for the period covered by the peace rolls may be understood.²

Throughout the reign of Edward III the keepers or justices of the peace were merely one of a 'multiplicity of agencies resorted to in the attempt to keep the king's peace and to punish crimes of violence'.³ Their commission, not unnaturally, had very close affinities with the commissions issued to certain of these rival agencies, of which the most important were justices in Eyre, justices of Trailbaston, and justices of Oyer and Terminer.

The justices in Eyre⁴ had already begun to decline in importance before the end of the thirteenth century, as newer and more efficient

¹ Three other Lincolnshire rolls for the years 4-19 Richard II, classified as 'Ancient Indictments' (K.B. 9 61, 62, 63), owe their preservation to a visit of the King's Bench to Lincoln in the latter year, and will, doubtless, when examined, prove equally fruitful.

² This section is based mainly upon Miss Putnam's paper, *Transformation*, pp. 19-48.

³ Miss Putnam, *op. cit.*, p. 20.

⁴ A very clear account of the decline of the Eyre, and of the Trailbaston enquiries is given by Miss H. M. Cam, *Studies in the Hundred Rolls, Oxford Studies in Social and Legal History*, vol. vi, pp. 72-83. See also Pike's discussion of Trailbaston, *Year Books of Edward III, Years 14-15 (R.S.)*, p. xxxviii.

methods were devised of doing the work which they had done at an earlier stage. They enjoyed a brief revival during the early years of Edward III, but after 1337 no important eyre was held in England.¹

The justices of Trailbaston were appointed first in 1304, for certain counties only, later, in 1305 and 1307, for the whole of England, to put down violent breaches of the peace and punish royal officials. The connection between commissions of Trailbaston and the early commissions of the peace was very close; the latter contained a long preamble, describing the disorders and offences to be dealt with by the keepers, which was almost identical in phraseology with the Trailbaston commissions of 1304 and 1305.² Commissions of Trailbaston continued to be issued from time to time after 1307, but the term, coined as a nickname for the enquiry of 1305,³ soon lost its technical significance and was applied to other unpopular commissions with wide powers and similar phraseology,⁴ such as those of 1328, for enforcing the statute of Northampton, and of 1340, for investigating the offences of the king's ministers and officials.

The justices of Oyer and Terminer ('to hear and determine') of the later fourteenth and fifteenth centuries were the lineal descendants of these popularly named Trailbaston justices of the earlier fourteenth century. Their commissions might instruct them to 'inquire of [i.e. to 'hear'] all felonies and trespasses within a given area, or of a long list of specified offences'⁵ and to determine them. Closely related to commissions of this type were special commissions of Oyer and Terminer, for dealing with some individual felony or trespass. These were very common at the end of the fourteenth century, and were usually issued to men who were already justices of the peace for the county in which the offence had been committed.

The chief modifications in the form of the commission of the peace during the experimental years of Edward III's reign were concerned with the power of determining, or trying, felonies and trespasses. In 1329, 1332, and 1338 the keepers of the peace, who, as such, lacked this power, were temporarily transformed

¹ An eyre was proclaimed in London in 1341 but met with such opposition on the part of the Londoners that it was withdrawn after twelve days (Cam, *op. cit.*, pp. 79-80). There was also a short-lived eyre in Kent in 1348 (to be discussed by Miss Putnam in her forthcoming volume).

² *Parl. Writs* i, pt. 1, app., p. 407 (Nov. 23rd, 1304); *ibid.*, p. 408 (April 6th, 1305). There is also a close similarity between some of the articles of Trailbaston, especially in their later form, and the fifteenth century charge to jurors in the sessions of the peace.

³ The precise meaning of the term will no doubt always be a subject for discussion, but modern writers tend to agree with Maitland's definition: 'a vagabond with a big stick' (*Records of the Parliament holden at Westminster . . . 1305*, R.S., p. liii).

⁴ Miss Putnam, *op. cit.*, pp. 27 and 40.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 21.

into justices by its inclusion in the commission; but it was the necessity of finding some means of enforcing the ordinance of labourers of 1349 and the statute of 1351 which led to the final developments in this respect. In 1350, 1351, and 1352 the keepers of the peace were given power to enforce the new labour laws and to determine felonies and trespasses. This latter power they continued to exercise during the seven years' experiment of separate commissions for the labour laws, which began in December, 1352. In 1359 the separate commissions for labourers were recalled and in 1362 the enforcement of all labour laws was once more included in the commission of the peace. Even after this, and in spite of the statute of 1361, which formally recognised the justices of the peace, the government still hesitated to accept the transformation, and in 1364 withdrew the final authority over labour laws and felonies from the commission. This reaction against the justices proved to be only temporary, however, and in 1368 the new commissions, following on the statute of that year,¹ conferred upon them once more the power of determining felonies and trespasses, including trespasses against the labour laws.²

Some other developments in the form of the commission, which had been achieved by 1380, call for a brief mention. One important change in 1359, namely the omission of powers of array, is reserved for fuller treatment later. The long preamble in Trailbaston language had gradually been replaced by a clause for the enforcement of the peace and of the three 'peace statutes' of Winchester,³ Northampton,⁴ and Westminster.⁵ The quorum for the determining of felonies and trespasses probably owed its origin to the statute of 1344,⁶ which ordered that men 'wise and learned in the law' be added to the commission for the determining of felonies. A phrase was included in the commission from 1361, giving the keepers power to take surety for good behaviour. In the same year the statute of Westminster added weights and measures to their jurisdiction. From 1364 forestalling and regrating were included in the commission, though without statutory authority, among the list of offences to be enquired of. Finally, in 1368 for the first time appears a clause addressed to a member of the commission who was later to be known as the *custos rotulorum*, instructing him to keep the writs and records of proceedings before the justices.

The commission now remained substantially the same until 1380.⁷ The main changes which resulted from the petition of the

¹ 42 Edward III, c. 6.

² A similar, inexplicable reaction occurred between 1382 and 1389, when the power of 'determining' felonies and trespasses (but not labour offences) was omitted from the commission.

³ 1285 (13 Edward I).

⁴ 1328 (2 Edward III).

⁵ 1361 (35 Edward III).

⁶ 18 Edward III, stat. 2, cc. 1 and 2.

⁷ For the discussion in parliament and the commission of 1380, see *R.P.* iii, 84-5.

commons and the lengthy discussions in the parliament of that year were the inclusion of extortion and of livery and maintenance in the enquiry clause and the addition to the commission of a special clause providing for the trial of cases of extortion. During the first half of the fifteenth century the process of evolution was completed by the addition of four new statutes to the peace clause and by a few minor changes in arrangement.¹

2. THE LINCOLNSHIRE COMMISSIONS, 1359-1375²

The justices whose proceedings in Lindsey in October and November, 1360, are recorded on roll L were appointed on December 4th, 1359.³ The commissions issued for all counties on this date are important as marking the final phase of the experiment of separate commissions of the peace and for labourers. The commissions for labourers, first issued in December, 1352, had been recalled a month earlier, on November 4th, although it was not until November, 1362, that full jurisdiction over the labour laws was included in the commission of the peace. Thus, for the period covered by the early Lindsey roll, there was no adequate machinery in existence for enforcing the ordinance and statute of labourers. The commissions of December 4th are important also for depriving the justices of the peace of powers of array, which in November had been entrusted to separate commissioners, and which were never again included in commissions of the peace.⁴ It will be remembered that roll L is a record of trespasses terminated by fines before Thomas de Ingelby and John Moubray, a procedure which is explained by the appointment of the two members of the quorum of every commission issued on December 4th to 'take the fines'.⁵

The proceedings recorded in the earlier Kesteven roll and in part of the Holland roll were held under the commission of July 10th, 1368,⁶ which is enrolled in full at the end of roll H. Similar commissions were issued to all counties on this date and may be summarised in Miss Putnam's words as including:

peace, Winchester, Northampton, Westminster, inquiry into felonies and trespasses, into all labour laws, weights and measures, forestalling

¹ See an article by the present writer, *Commissions of the peace, 1380-1485*, in the *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research*, Nov., 1932, pp. 81-104.

² For a list of the members of the various commissions, see tables at end of chapter VIII, below.

³ Rymer, *Fœdera*, iii, pt. 1, p. 463.

⁴ Miss Putnam, *op. cit.*, pp. 45-6.

⁵ Rymer, *loc. cit.*: *Iohannes Moubray et Thomas de Ingelby vel alter eorum capiunt fines.*

⁶ *C.P.R.* 1367-70, p. 193. References to the calendar are given for the convenience of readers. I have looked at the patent rolls themselves in order to ascertain the members of the quorum of the Lincolnshire commissions, since these are not indicated in the calendar.

existing members of that commission as assigned 'to array, themselves, or by deputy, all fencible men' in the parts of Lindsey. During the early part of the century the commission of the peace had sometimes included powers of array,¹ but in 1359, when the separate commissions for labourers were abandoned, array was omitted and was never again included.

Since the 'keepers' had ceased to be merely police officers and had become criminal law judges, it is natural that they should be deprived of their strictly military functions.²

Justices of the peace were, however, sometimes given supplementary instructions to array. For instance, in March and July, 1369,³ and again in February and November, 1370,⁴ commissions of array were issued to all the keepers of the peace appointed in 1368 and 1369. Subsequent associations, as enrolled on the patent rolls, usually refer to 'commissions of the peace and of array',⁵ giving no clue that these were separate commissions, but suggesting rather a joint commission such as was sometimes in existence before 1359.

The most natural explanation of the reference to array in the association of Willoughby and Poucher would be that supplementary instructions to deal with it had been sent to the justices of the peace appointed in 1371. Unfortunately, no record has been found of such instructions issued subsequent to the commission itself⁶: the earlier supplementary commissions of array of March, 1369, and November, 1370, were directed to justices appointed in 1369⁷ and, presumably, ceased to apply after the issue of the new commissions of the peace. In the face of the detailed and specific passage in the letters patent of association of 1372, it is hard to believe that no commission of array had been issued to the duke of Lancaster and the others. Once more the most plausible hypothesis seems to be that a careless clerk failed to enrol it upon the patent roll.⁸

Another document, fortunately enrolled upon the peace roll, of which no trace has been found elsewhere, is the letters close

¹ *I.e.* in 1338, all commissions; in 1344-46, some commissions; in 1346-59, all commissions. Miss Putnam, *op. cit.*

² *Ibid.*, p. 45.

³ *C.P.R.* 1367-70, p. 265; *C.C.R.* 1369-74, pp. 36-7.

⁴ *C.P.R.* 1370-74, p. 34; *C.C.R.* 1369-74, pp. 124-5.

⁵ *E.g.* *C.P.R.* 1370-74, p. 237.

⁶ The patent and close rolls for the years 45 and 46 Edward III have been searched in vain.

⁷ *C.P.R.* 1367-70, p. 267.

⁸ A similar case is that of John de Tothill, a member of the commission of the peace for the West Riding of Yorkshire of December, 1375, who, in February, 1376, was commanded not to meddle further in the office of guardian of the peace and *arrayer of men-at-arms* to which he had been appointed by letters patent (*C.P.R.* 1374-77, p. 137). No letters patent have been discovered which would explain the reference to de Tothill as an 'arrayer'.

of February 15th, 1373, appointing the recently associated Robert de Willoughby to be 'chief keeper and justice' of the Lindsey commission.¹ The appointment of a *capitalis iusticiarius* is of considerable interest, since very little has as yet been ascertained about the exact position and duties of this official. The use of the term may have originated with the system, adopted for a time in the early years of the reign, of appointing 'supervisors' of the keepers of the peace in a group of counties.² Miss Putnam has found definite proof that in 1352-59, during the period of separate justices of labourers, it was customary to speak of one justice of each commission of labourers, usually the first name on the list, as *capitalis iusticiarius*,³ and she thinks that one mark of his position probably was that he had greater difficulty than his companions in avoiding service.⁴ Willoughby's case throws some fresh light on the problem. From the letters close it appears that the duke of Lancaster, the first named member of the commission, had been chief justice until Willoughby superseded him. The definite appointment of the latter by the crown would seem to indicate that the office was one of real importance, and that for this reason it was found desirable to entrust it to a local magnate who would have more time and interest to devote to local affairs than would so great a man as John of Gaunt.⁵

The letters close contain instructions for sending the 'records and processes' to Willoughby's residence, which imply that he was to be *custos rotulorum* as well as *capitalis iusticiarius*. The practice of combining the two offices was, apparently, not unusual at this time.⁶ It was certainly followed in the case of the earl of Angus in the Kesteven commission of December, 1372, and of William de Huntingfeld in the Holland commission of February, 1375. On the other hand, in 1368, when Henry Asty was *custos rotulorum* for Holland, the duke of Lancaster was the titular and William de Huntingfeld the actual head of the commission. There is, unfortunately, no means of discovering who was *custos* of the earlier Kesteven and Holland commissions, or of the Lindsey commission before Willoughby's association. These commissions are not enrolled upon the peace roll, and the patent roll, which

¹ In addition to the close and patent rolls of the year 47 Edward III the following classes of chancery documents in the Public Record Office have been searched in vain: writs of privy seal, 47 Edward III; various warrants, 41-45 Edward III; warrants of the Council, Edward III; signed bills and other direct warrants, Edward I to 22 Richard II; warrants under signet and other small seals, February and March, 47 Edward III.

² Miss Putnam, *op. cit.*, p. 29.

³ Miss Putnam, *Stat. of Labourers*, pp. 60-1, 64.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 35, n. 4.

⁵ See below, chapter VIII.

⁶ Miss Putnam has found definite proof that during the period of separate commissions of the peace the *capitalis iusticiarius* was directly responsible for the custody of the records; see *Stat. of Labourers*, p. 60, n. 7.

contains, of course, a list of the members, does not indicate which of them was to act as *custos rotulorum*. The later practice of appointing one of the members of the quorum to the office¹ was evidently not always followed in the fourteenth century.

IV

THE SESSIONS OF THE PEACE

1. THE DATE AND PLACE OF SESSIONS

The times of the sessions of the peace were more than once the subject of statutory regulations during the fourteenth century. In 1351 the statute of labourers² specified that the 'justices' sit four times a year, namely on March 25th (Lady-day), July 20th (St Margaret's Day), September 29th (Michaelmas), and December 6th (St Nicholas' Day), or more often, at their 'discretion'. Since joint commissions of the peace and for labourers were issued shortly after the passing of the statute, this clause may be legitimately regarded as applying to sessions of the peace. The statute of 1362³ established a more flexible but otherwise not very different schedule, according to which sessions of the peace were to be held during the week of January 6th-13th (the *utias* of Epiphany), during the second week of Lent, between Whitsun and June 24th (nativity of St John the Baptist), and during the week of September 29th-October 6th (octave of St Michael).⁴ The place of the sessions was not regulated by statute, but was left to local custom and the convenience of the justices.

The five peace rolls vary in the extent of the information which they give as to when and where the Lincolnshire sessions were actually held. In the early Lindsey roll and the later Kesteven roll the indictments are enrolled under headings which contain the date and place of the sessions at which they were made, though these headings are not arranged in strictly chronological order. Each of the separate strips of which the earlier Kesteven roll is composed also records the place and date of the session. The later Lindsey roll and the Holland roll, on the other hand, are not arranged under session headings. The former contains a certain amount of indirect information in the shape of indictments of townships for failure to attend sessions, the date and place of

¹ Lambard, *Eirenarcha*, bk. 2, cap. 3.

² 25 Edward III, stat. 2, c. 7.

³ 36 Edward III, stat. 1, c. 12.

⁴ The date and length of the sessions were subsequently regulated by the statutes 12 Richard II, c. 10, and 2 Henry V, stat. 1, c. 4.

which are sometimes, though unfortunately not always, mentioned : the latter is without even this indirect evidence.¹

The information supplied by the Lindsey and Kesteven rolls has been arranged in tabular form below. A comparison of the statutory dates with those at which the justices actually sat shows that the inquests recorded in the rolls were held, for the most part, not at 'quarter sessions', but at non-statutory sessions, held at frequent intervals, when and where the justices thought convenient. These may, perhaps, be compared to the 'special', or 'privy' sessions of later times ; in fact, in Kesteven, in 1374, we seem to see something very like the system of 'monthly meetings' such as the seventeenth century Kesteven justices held.² In all probability, general sessions were held as well as these non-statutory meetings. From the early Lindsey roll, in fact, it seems clear that the indictments for trespass made in October and November, 1360, were terminated at a general session presided over by John Moubray and Thomas de Ingelby on January 12th, 1361. The other rolls, which record only 'undetermined' indictments, naturally refer only to the sessions at which these indictments were made and not to the general sessions at which trials, if there were any, would be held.³ Instructions issued to justices of the peace with the supplementary commissions of array of March 20th, 1369, 'to hold their sessions at the times ordained',⁴ suggest that the extent to which they were using their 'discretion' in this respect was not altogether approved of by the government.

As the tables show, the sessions in Kesteven were held at Sleaford, Grantham, Corby, Bourne, Navenby, and Stamford.⁵ Those in Lindsey were held most frequently at Lincoln, Caistor, Horncastle, or Louth, though in the autumn of 1360 there were sessions at no less than seven places. Apparently the Lindsey justices sometimes separated into two groups, holding inquests at different places on the same day. If the session headings of roll L are correct, Thomas Leve-launce and William de Stayn were at Burton⁶ on October 28th, 1360, when John Moubray and his colleagues were at Epworth ; and there is evidence from roll LL that sessions were held at both Caistor and Horncastle on June 20th, 1373.

¹ There is one reference to an 'inquest of the lord king' held on October 6th, 1373, which was probably a peace session (H 3).

² Peyton, vol. 1 (L.R.S. XXV), p. lxxix.

³ During the course of proceedings in the King's Bench reference was made to a trespass tried by John de Boys and Thomas de Withernwyk at Kirton in Lindsey, January 26th, 1374 (App. LL V (ii)).

⁴ C.P.R. 1367-70, p. 265.

⁵ In the seventeenth century in Kesteven sessions were held at Sleaford for the five northern wapentakes, and at Folkingham and Bourne, alternately, for the rest. Peyton, *op. cit.*, pp. lxix-lx.

⁶ Probably Burton on Stather.

LINDSEY, 1360-61 (ROLL L)

<i>Statutory date</i> (1351)	<i>Actual date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Reference</i>
25 March, 1360			
20 July, 1360			
29 Sept., 1360			
	14 Oct., 1360	Scoter	m. 2 (10)
	28 Oct., 1360	Burton [on Stathor]	m. 2 (12)
	28 Oct., 1360	Epworth	m. 2 d. (25)
	2 Nov., 1360	?	m. 2 (8)*
	7 Nov., 1360	Louth	m. 2 d. (29)
	9 Nov., 1360	Partney	m. 1 (3), 2 d. (30)
	11 Nov., 1360	Wragby	m. 1 (5)
	12 Nov., 1360	Louth	m. 2 d. (28)
	16 Nov., 1360	Partney	m. 1 (1)
	30 Nov., 1360	Lincoln	m. 2 (8)
6 Dec., 1360			
	6 Jan., 1361	Spittal-on-the-Street	m. 2 (8)*

* Indirect evidence, not session headings.

LINDSEY, 1373-75 (ROLL LL)

<i>Statutory date</i> (1362)	<i>Actual date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Reference</i>
6-13 Jan., 1373			
9-15 March 1373			
8-24 June, 1373			
	20 June, 1373	Caistor	m. 4 (108)
	20 June, 1373	Hornecastle	m. 4 (110)
	16 July, 1373	Hornecastle	m. 3 (92)
	24 Aug., 1373	Caistor	m. 2 (38)
	30 Aug., 1373	?	m. 4 d. (141)
29 Sept.-6 Oct., 1373			
6-13 Jan., 1374			
22-28 Feb., 1374			
21 May-24 June, 1374	26 June, 1374	Lincoln	m. 6 (219, 226)
29 Sept.-6 Oct., 1374	6 Oct., 1374	Louth	m. 8 d. (287)
	11 Dec., 1374	Lincoln	m. 9 (300)
6-13 Jan., 1375			
14-20 March, 1375			
	3 April, 1375	Caistor	m. 9 (325)
10-24 June, 1375			
	20 July, 1375	Gainsborough	m. 10 d. (368)
	20 Sept., 1375	Grimsby	1st <i>bill</i> a (472)
29 Sept.-6 Oct., 1375			

KESTEVEN, 1371 (ROLL K)

<i>Statutory date</i> (1362)	<i>Actual date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Reference</i>
6-13 Jan., 1371			
	6 Jan., 1371	New Sleaford	m. 26 (185)
	7 Jan.	Corby	mm. 14 (66), 15 (77), 16 (91)
	9 Jan.	Stamford	mm. 11 (137), 12 (40)
	11 Jan.	Grantham	mm. 13 (51), 19-25 (107-184)
	13 Jan.	Sleaford	mm. 17 (96), 18 (102)
26 Feb.-2 March			
	7 March	Grantham	mm. 6 (13), 7 (25), 8 (28), 9 (31)
	21 April	Corby	m. 1 (1)
	28 April	Corby	m. 5 (10)
25 May-24 June			
29 Sept.-6 Oct.			

KESTEVEN, 1374-75 (ROLL KK)

<i>Statutory date (1362)</i>	<i>Actual date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Reference</i>
6-13 Jan., 1374			
22-28 Feb., 1374	20 March, 1374	Sleaford	m. 2 d. (19)
	27 March, 1374	Sleaford	m. 3 (25)
	13 April, 1374	Sleaford	m. 3 (28)
21 May-24 June, 1374	23 June, 1374	Sleaford	m. 1 d. (1)
	31 July, 1374	Grantham	m. 3 (29)
	1 Aug., 1374	Sleaford	m. 3 (33)
	7 Aug., 1374	Grantham	m. 4 (46)
	15 Aug., 1374	Sleaford	m. 4 (53)
	11 Sept., 1374	Sleaford	mm. 3 d. (34), 5 (65), 5 d. (76)
	13 Sept., 1374	Navenby	mm. 3 d. (40), 5 (69)
	14 Sept., 1374	Sleaford	m. 4 d. (58)
	26 Sept., 1374	Sleaford	m. 4 d. (60)
29 Sept.-6 Oct., 1374			
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6-13 Jan., 1375	10 Jan., 1375	Bourne	m. 4 d. (62)
29 Sept.-6 Oct., 1375	18 Sept., 1375	Grantham	m. 5 d. (80)

2. THE JUSTICES

Attendance at sessions: The evidence of the rolls as to which justices actually attended the sessions is unfortunately incomplete, that of the early Lindsey roll being the most satisfactory. As already stated, the headings of this roll show that the inquests were usually held before Thomas Levelaunce and William de Stayn, occasionally also before John Moubray 'and his colleagues' (*socii sui*), and that the fines were taken by Moubray and Ingelby. In the later Lindsey roll the appearance of Robert de Willoughby's name at the head of each membrane is undoubtedly due to his official position as *capitalis iusticiarius* (chief justice) and does not necessarily imply that he was always present. There is, in fact, internal evidence that the session of December 11th, 1374, was held by John Poucher 'and his colleagues', and those of June 26th, 1374, and September 20th, 1375, by John Dymoke 'and his colleagues' (LL 300, 219, 472).¹ How many other members of the commission were included among the 'colleagues' it is impossible to say.

The only justices referred to in the Kesteven roll for 1371 are Andrew Luterell, who presided at the three Corby sessions and at the Grantham session of March 7th, and Ralph Basset, who was at Grantham on January 11th. The heading of the second Kesteven roll—'Indictments before Roger de Meres, Henry Asty, Thomas Claymond, and Thomas Pynchebek'—should probably be taken to mean that these men composed the

¹ And see above, p. xxvii, note 3.

group of 'working justices', rather than that all four were present at every session recorded in the roll. From the Holland roll nothing can be gleaned as to the justices attending the sessions.

The general conclusion suggested by this partial and unsatisfactory information is that a minimum of two justices was necessary even at the frequent, non-statutory sessions,¹ but that probably not more than two or three sat together at one time, and that some, who were members of commissions in different counties, never sat at all. The only member of the quorum of whose attendance we have evidence is Roger de Meres (Kesteven, 1374-5), but since the Lincolnshire justices were apparently not trying felonies at this time, the presence of the justices of the quorum at their sessions was not necessary.

Their usages: The best method of determining how many of the justices appointed to a commission of the peace actually did the work of the sessions is to find out which of them received salaries (where this is possible), for only those were paid who sat. Unfortunately, no definite information has been discovered as to the payment of justices of the peace between 1352 and 1392. There are many writs to the sheriffs enrolled on the close rolls for the year 1351 for the payment of the justices on the joint commission for labourers and of the peace out of the fines and amercements adjudged in their sessions. After 1352 similar writs refer only to 'justices appointed to keep the statute of labourers', and neither the close rolls nor the pipe rolls, as far as they have been examined, contain any indication that the members of the separate commissions of the peace were receiving salaries.

After 1359, when the separate commissions for labourers were withdrawn, a number of petitions enrolled on the parliament rolls for the last eighteen years of Edward III's reign and the first fourteen years of Richard II's confirms the evidence of the close and pipe rolls that the justices of the peace were not being paid at this period, and suggests that a good deal of inefficiency and negligence was the result. For instance, a petition in the parliament of 1372² runs as follows:

Purce qe Justices de la Pees et de Laborers ne pregent Fees ne gages de Roi, par q'ils ne font diligement leur office, en desavantage de Roi et del Peuple: Dunt soit ordeine remede (Whereas justices of the peace and of labourers receive neither fees nor wages from the king, wherefore they do not diligently perform their office, to the detriment of the king and people: let a remedy be ordained.)

In the Good Parliament of 1376 the commons ask:

Qe gages y soient assignez as ditz Justices [of the peace] pur leur Sessions faire convenables: qar sans Gages ils n'ont cure de faire leur Sessions

¹ See also Miss Putnam, *Stat. of Labourers*, p. 60; and *Early Treatises*, pp. 362-3.

² *R.P.* ii, 312. The translation of this and other passages from *R.P.* is that of the present writer.

q'est grande perde au Roi (That wages be assigned to the said justices [of the peace] for holding proper sessions: for without wages they neglect to hold their sessions, which is a great loss to the king.)¹

It was not until many similar petitions and suggestions as to methods of payment on the part of the commons² had resulted in the statute of Cambridge, in 1388,³ and in the statute of 1390⁴ that the pipe roll at last shows that the justices of the peace were being paid. On the roll for Somerset of the year 16 Richard II (1392) the sheriff of that county is recorded as claiming his allowance from the exchequer in respect of wages paid to justices of the peace and their clerk, and the financial clauses of the two statutes, which were his authority for doing so, are enrolled on the pipe roll. Henceforward similar claims by the sheriffs of different counties are recorded on the roll, although, at first, with a good deal of irregularity. The first claim by the sheriff of Lincolnshire, on the roll for the year 17 Richard II, is for the payment of justices of the peace in Lindsey in the years 14-15 Richard II (1390-91). The existence of these pipe roll entries and the fact that after 1390 the parliament rolls contain no further petitions about the wages of justices of the peace show that a practical solution of the problem had at last been found. The amount of the salaries, as fixed by the statute of Cambridge, was four shillings a day for a justice and two shillings a day for his clerk. The rate had been slightly altered since the day of the separate justices of the peace and of labourers who were paid five shillings a day, while their clerks received one and eightpence.⁵

It seems clear, from the above, that the justices of the peace who sat between 1352 and 1390 cannot have received salaries, and this conclusion has been confirmed by a search through various exchequer material in the Public Record Office.⁶ On the other hand, the very existence of the peace rolls shows that the words of the petitions of 1372 and 1376 as to the failure of the justices to hold their sessions did not apply to Lincolnshire. One wonders, however, whether the 'working' justices on the various commissions did not find some way of compensating themselves unofficially for the lack of any official recognition of their services.

Their oath: The oath of the justices of the peace seems to have originated in the middle of the fourteenth century and was at first largely based upon the oath of the justices of the two Benches, which was at that time receiving its final form, and was, in its turn, derived from the oath taken by members of the king's council.⁷

¹ *R.P.* ii, 333.

² *E.g. R.P.* iii, 17, 46.

³ 12 Richard II, c. 10.

⁴ 14 Richard II, c. 11.

⁵ Miss Putnam, *Stat. of Labourers*, p. 46.

⁶ Estreats, Lincoln, 47-50 Edward III; Fines and Amercements, 50 Edward III (roll of amerancements and forfeited issues); Sheriffs' Accounts, etc.; Sheriffs' Administrative Accounts.

⁷ J. F. Baldwin, *Antiquities of the King's Council*, *E.H.R.*, xxi.

As early as 1343¹ and 1348² the commons petitioned that justices of the peace be sworn, and on the first of these occasions even suggested the form of their oath: but it is during the years immediately following the passing of the ordinance and statute of labourers, which did so much in other ways to consolidate the office of justice of the peace, that we get the first clear proof that justices of the peace and of labourers were being sworn. A passage in a Surrey peace roll³ describes how John de Rouleghe or Rowele was, in January, 1351, indicted by his colleagues of a joint commission of the peace and for labourers, for offences which he had committed during an earlier term of office, although he had been sworn to do right both to the lord king and to his people, and both to poor and rich, and that he would not let for malice, favour, gift, nor promises, nor do harm to anyone.⁴

A further step is marked by the oath of the justices of labourers and of weights and measures, which has been found among the Petty Bag documents at the Public Record Office,⁵ and must have come from the years 1357-9, since those were the only years when the power to deal with weights and measures was included in the separate commissions for labourers.⁶ It runs as follows:

Ye shall swere that in your office of justice of laborers and of weights and measures ye shall doe egall right to the poore as to the riche after your connyng wit and power and after the forme of statutes thereof made and thissues fynes and americiaments the which shalbe made and to be made before you you shall doe truely enter without any concelemt or ymbeselling and truely sende in to the Eschequier, and that ye shall not lede for yeste nor for other cause, but that well and truely ye shall do your office of justice in that behalf⁷

Certain phrases in this oath so closely resemble the later oath of the justices of the peace, even in the elaborate form in which it was enrolled on the parliament roll after the reorganisation of 1380,⁸ that it seems not unlikely that a similar oath was administered to them before 1380. There is, however, no contemporary example of the oath between the de Rowele case of 1351 and the parliament of 1380, and the exact form of the oath which was taken by the Lincolnshire justices appointed during this period must therefore remain a matter of conjecture.

Even greater uncertainty surrounds the question of how the oath was administered to justices of the peace and of labourers. In 1343 and 1348⁹ the commons tried to secure the administration of the oath to justices of the peace in parliament, and in 1376

¹ *R.P.* ii, 136.

² *Ibid.*, 201.

³ Printed by Miss Putnam in *Stat. of Labourers*, App., pp. 211-13.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 40. Miss Putnam points out that these phrases are 'strikingly similar to the corresponding phrases in the regular oath of the king's justices as it appears in the *Red Book of the Exchequer*'.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p. 43 and n. 1.

⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 15.

⁷ I have used Miss Putnam's transcript of the oath.

⁸ *R.P.* iii, 84.

⁹ *R.P.* ii, 136, 201.

they asked that they be sworn 'devant le Conseil le Roi en mesme la manere come autres gentz sont (before the king's council in the same way as other people are)'.¹ The theory seems thus to have been that the justices should come to the central government to be sworn, but there is some evidence to show that the usual practice in the fourteenth century was for the oath to be administered in the counties by some local official or magnate who was empowered by a writ from the chancery, which he endorsed and returned when he had performed his task.² In 1380, when the oath for the justices of the peace was enrolled on the parliament roll, there was also enrolled a writ to be directed to the sheriff of each county commanding him to administer the oath.³ Later in the reign of Richard II one of the justices was sometimes empowered to take the oath of his associates.⁴ In the fifteenth century the writ was often issued to some prominent local ecclesiastic who was not a member of the commission,⁵ and sometimes to the justices of assize.⁶

3. THE CLERK OF THE PEACE

One of the most important officials connected with the sessions of the peace was the justices' clerk. The very scanty information as to his qualifications and duties available for the fourteenth century may be briefly summarised. The records of the Kent sessions of the peace in 1316-17 prove that the office of clerk was almost, if not quite, as old as that of keeper of the peace.⁷ The statute of labourers of 1351 refers to 'clerks des justices' without giving any account of them.⁸ Many of the writs for the payment of wages to justices sitting on the joint commission of the peace and for labourers in 1351 show that they had clerks who were being paid at the rate of one and eightpence a day. The oath for justices of the peace drawn up in 1380 refers to the duties of their clerk, and shows that he, like the justices themselves, was

¹ *R.P.* ii, 333.

² Miss Putnam has discovered, among Chancery Files, B 60, two writs of *dedimus potestatem*, dated 1357 and 1358, to a member of a retiring commission of labourers to administer the oath to the new commissioners. These are the earliest writs for the administration of oaths to justices of labourers yet found, and it is perhaps significant that they are of the same date as the oath of the justices of labourers and weights and measures already referred to.

³ *R.P.* iii, 84.

⁴ *E.g.* writ of 1390 in Chancery Files, B 63 (to be printed by Miss Putnam in her forthcoming volume).

⁵ *E.g.* Chancery Files, B 69, writ of 8 Henry IV (to be printed by Miss Putnam); B 70, writs of 13 Henry IV; and B 72, writs of 11 Henry V.

⁶ Chancery Files, B 73, writ of 9 Henry V.

⁷ Miss Putnam, *Kent Keepers of the Peace, 1316-17*, p. xxxix. The Kent clerk apparently acted also as clerk of the justices of Gaol Delivery.

⁸ Miss Putnam, *Stat. of Labourers*, p. 61.

sworn.¹ Finally, the statute of Cambridge of 1388 established the rate of wages for the clerk and, after 1392, the records of payments to clerks of the peace, with the names of the clerks, appear fairly regularly on the pipe rolls.

The Lincolnshire rolls contain no information as to the identity of the clerks of the peace, unless the mysterious appearance of the name 'Asty' below the heading of each membrane of the later Kesteven roll² may be taken as an indication that Sir Henry Asty was in some way responsible for its compilation. Though not a member of the quorum, he was one of the 'working justices', and attended some, if not all of the Kesteven sessions, as is proved by the general heading of the roll, already referred to. Moreover, as a lawyer of some prominence,³ he would undoubtedly employ a clerk or clerks of his own. Since the earl of Angus, the chief justice and *custos rotulorum* of the Kesteven commission, was not regularly attending the sessions, it is not unlikely that Asty was in charge of the writs and records and that his personal clerk acted also as clerk of the peace and enrolled them.

Indirectly, the form of the Lindsey, Holland, and later Kesteven rolls reveals something about the methods of work of their compilers. There was not, apparently, a rigid pattern for session records as there was for the plea rolls of the central courts, and within certain limits the arrangement, form of headings, and so forth, depended upon the personal idiosyncrasies of the different clerks. The early Lindsey and the later Kesteven rolls, as previously stated, are neatly and methodically arranged under careful session headings. The writer of the later Lindsey roll groups the enrolled presentments according to the year, but without indicating the session at which they were made. The Holland clerk omits headings of any kind, merely grouping presentments made over a period of several years under the names of the different wapentakes. This disregard of chronology was due, no doubt, to the system, already described, of writing up the sessions records from a mass of unorganised material only when they happened to be called for by the central courts. That the clerks, whatever their identity, were men of some education and legal training is proved by the admirably clear chancery hand which they wrote, very different from the hasty scrawl of the local scribes responsible for the separate 'bills' of which roll K is composed.

¹ 'E qe vous ne prendrez ne reseivrez nul Clerc devers vous pur faire escrire ou garder les Recordes et Proces avant dictes, s'il ne soit prinnerement jurez devant vous de ceeler le conseil le Roi et de faire et perfourmir bien et loialment de sa part qe a son office et degre apent en celle partie (And that you will neither take nor receive before you any clerk to write or keep the said records and process unless he be first sworn before you to conceal the king's counsel and well and truly to do and perform all that pertains to his office and degree in this respect).' *R.P.* III, p. 84.

² *I.e.* 'Kesteven. *Ad huc de indictamentis coram prefatis iusticiariis non terminatis.* Asty'.

³ He became chief baron of the exchequer in November, 1375, see chapter VIII, below.

4. THE PRESENTING JURY

Composition: The offences 'heard' and sometimes 'determined' by the justices at sessions of the peace were presented to them by juries of the different wapentakes of the county. Sometimes a wapentake seems to have been represented by more than one jury at the same session. For instance, at the Kesteven session of January 11th, 1371, Winnibriggs was represented by three juries, Boothby Graffoe and Loveden each by two. Two juries also represented Beltisloe on January 7th, Aswardhurn on January 13th and Winnibriggs on March 7th. The number of jurors, where it is indicated in the rolls,¹ was almost invariably twelve, though there are a few examples of a jury of thirteen.²

In addition to the regular wapentake juries, the sessions were sometimes attended by a *magna inquisicio* or grand jury. Roll LL records presentments by grand juries of both the North and South Ridings of Lindsey in 1375 (LL 464-7) and of the South Riding in 1374 (LL 271). There are also two indictments of townships for failure to 'inform the jurors of the grand jury' in 1373 (LL 4, 33). In Kesteven a *generalis inquisicio* of fifteen jurors made presentments at Sleaford on June 23rd, 1374 (KK 15). Little is known about the grand jury in the fourteenth century except that it was a jury of the whole county or division (or, in these cases, of a riding), as opposed to the jury of the wapentake, but with similar duties.³ The sessions which it attended were, as a rule, no doubt, the larger, or general sessions, not the frequent, non-statutory sessions with which our rolls are chiefly concerned.

In the seventeenth century the grand jury was composed, in practice, of high constables,⁴ and it is just possible that this was also the case in the fourteenth century, for one of the members of the Kesteven *generalis inquisicio* was John Clerk of Welburn, chief constable of Skinnand.⁵ About the other members of the grand juries and hundred juries named in the rolls, not enough is known to make possible any statement as to their social status or official position. The same names naturally tend to recur in

¹ In roll L the jurors are not named, but the indictments are all made 'by the oath of twelve'. In roll LL the members of seventy-two juries are named, the others are simply described as 'jurors of the wapentake of . . .'. In rolls K, KK, and H the names of twelve jurors are always given.

² Earlier in the fourteenth century both larger and smaller juries seem to have been common; see Miss Putnam, *Kent Keepers of the Peace*, 1316-17, p. xxx.

³ In Easter term, 2 Henry V, a Shropshire grand jury 'of thirty-six of the most honest and worthy of the county' (*iurata triginta et sex iuratorum de probioribus et valencioribus comitatus que magna inquisicio vocatur*) made presentments before the King's Bench at Shrewsbury (K.B. 27 613, Rex m. 36). The hundred jury and the grand jury are, of course, to be distinguished from the trial jury (or petty jury), which would be summoned to attend the sessions if the justices were trying cases.

⁴ Peyton, *op. cit.*, p. lxxiii.

⁵ See below, chapter VI, for further particulars about John Clerk.

juries of the same wapentake, and it would seem that in the larger wapentakes there was a group of from thirty to forty 'good and lawful men' eligible as jurors, some of whom sat more frequently than others. Certain men sat on at least four out of five Lindsey juries between 1373 and 1375, others on only one or two.

System of presentments: Twelve men drawn from a whole wapentake or riding obviously could not, of their own knowledge, present all the petty misdeeds of the neighbourhood. They relied, mainly, upon reports (presumably oral) made to them by representatives of the different townships, who attended the sessions for this purpose. The information thus acquired was put into the shape of formal Latin indictments, written upon pieces of parchment to which the jurors affixed their seals,¹ and delivered to the justices. Maitland's description of the way in which presentments were made in the thirteenth century sheriff's tourn applies almost word for word to the fourteenth century sessions of the peace:

About every matter there are to be two sets of swearers, certain men of higher rank who represent a hundred, certain men of lower rank who represent a vill, or several vills The 'fama publica' is twice distilled. The representatives of the vills make presentments to a jury of twelve freeholders² which represents the hundred, and then such of these presentments as the twelve jurors are willing to 'avow', or make their own, are presented by them.³

The later Lindsey roll contains a valuable illustration of this system in the shape of a number of indictments of vills for failure to attend sessions to 'inform' (*ad informandum*) and to 'present' (*ad presentandum*). The following is a good example:

. Whereas the jurors of Well wapentake had a day [appointed to be] at Lincoln before John Poucher and his colleagues to make presentments on behalf of the king, and the vills of Stow Marton and Stretton had a day [appointed to be] there to inform the said jurors as to certain articles, the said vills refused to come there on the appointed day, wherefore the king's business was delayed on that day (LL 300).

From some of these indictments it is possible to discover by whom the vills were represented. Most frequently it was by four men (LL 108, 110, 222), or four men and the reeve (LL 38, 103); sometimes by four men and the constable of the vill (LL 92); once by 'the constable and with him two men' (LL 227); and once by the constable alone (LL 287). In the early Lindsey roll there is a reference to a man who had been 'arrested' (*arrestatus*) by the bailiff to make presentments of malefactors before the twelve jurors on behalf of the vill of Skendleby, but who was so threatened by another man that he dared not do it, 'wherefore the vill of Skendleby presented nothing on that day' (L 34).

¹ There are traces of jurors' seals upon several of the 'bills' in roll K.

² It would not be true of the fourteenth century to say that the *probos et legales homines* were always freeholders.

³ Pollock and Maitland (2nd ed.), ii, 642-3.

There was a second source from which the presenting juries might obtain information, namely the accusations sometimes submitted by individual prosecutors. Among the miscellaneous material of roll K there are two private 'bills', one complaining of a breach of covenant on the statute of labourers (K 1), the other of an assault (K 36). These bills are addressed to the justices and were, presumably, examined by them before being handed to the jury.¹ The latter, by endorsing each of them *billa vera* converted them from private accusations into indictments. At a later time indictments were probably far more frequently based on bills of this kind than upon the *forma publica*, as expressed in the presentments by vills, which had sufficed in the thirteenth century. The examples just quoted illustrate admirably the transition from the older system, which was still the most common in the fourteenth century, to the later one, which was just coming into use.²

A curious variation of the private bill is a French petition addressed to the Kesteven justices at the session held at Grantham on March 7th, 1371, in which 'the common people of the country' petition the justices that butchers may be allowed to go in safety to and from Grantham market, and that proclamation be made accordingly (K 27). It would seem as though some kind of local deputation attended the session with this petition, which one of the clerks hastily wrote down at the foot of the strip of parchment upon which he had already entered the presentments of the Winnibriggs jury. One would give much to know who had been interfering with the butchers and whether the justices made the desired proclamation.

The jurors' oath: The presenting jurors in sessions of the peace were always sworn, as is indicated by the frequent appearance of the phrase *dicunt per sacramentum suum* in the account of their proceedings. Although the actual form of their oath for the fourteenth and early fifteenth centuries has not, as yet, been discovered, it is possible, from indirect information, to arrive at a fairly clear idea of what it must have been.

In the first place, it undoubtedly had a close affinity with the oath of the presenting jury in the fourteenth century eyre, which ran as follows:

Ceo oyez vous justices, qe jeo leaument enquerroy de ceo qe homme me chargeroy de part le roi et le conseyl le roi e ceo justices leaument celeroy e pur rien ne livroy. (This hearken to, ye justices. Faithfully will I make inquest of whatsoever I shall be charged with in the king's name; and the counsel of the king and of you justices will I faithfully keep secret; and in nought of all this will I fail etc.)³

¹ According to Marowe (pp. 383-4), justices of the peace had to examine private bills before they were handed to the jury.

² For an account of the relation between a 'bill' and an indictment, see Peyton, *op. cit.*, pp. lxxiv-lxxvi.

³ *Eyre of Kent, 1313-14*, ed. Bolland (Selden Society), vol. 1, p. 17.

The phrase about 'concealing the counsel of the king', which goes back to the oath taken by members of the king's council in 1307,¹ occurs almost verbatim in the oath for justices of the peace which was drawn up in 1380, and is there applied to the jurors also :

E conseil le Roi touchant ceux qui serront enditez devant vous celerez, et auxint compellerez les Jurres in Enquestes de le celer de lour part loialment. (And you shall conceal the king's counsel touching those who shall be indicted before you, and also compel the jurors in inquests for their part faithfully to conceal it.)²

It is not found in the later form of the oath of the justices of the peace,³ but that, even before 1389, it had become incorporated in that of the jurors is proved by the indictments in the Lincolnshire rolls of jurors who have 'revealed the counsel of the king and their fellows' (L. S. KK 42, H 3). This evidence is confirmed by a passage in the Worcestershire Manual for justices of the peace (*circa* 1422) :

Each of the jurors made an oath that he would enquire well and present the truth to the justices concerning those things which should be enjoined on him on the king's behalf, and that he would conceal the counsel of the king and of his fellows⁴

No doubt the precise form of the oath in the later fourteenth century was very similar to this.⁵

The charge : After the jurors in the sessions of the peace had been sworn, one of the justices read out to them the charge containing the different points or articles with regard to which they were to make presentments. The peace rolls contain no information as to the charge used in Lincolnshire in the reign of Edward III, but recent researches of Miss Putnam are of the utmost importance in this respect.⁶ The earliest known charge, which, from internal evidence seems to have been compiled in 1403-4, appears in a fifteenth century collection of Kesteven precedents for justices of the peace, in a Harleian manuscript in the British Museum.⁷ The older articles of this charge are based upon early inquests—such as those of the sheriff's tourn, the court leet, and the Trailbaston enquiries—and upon various statutes of Edward III, of which the latest is one of 1368. The later articles are based upon statutes of Richard II and Henry IV. The compilation to which the charge

¹ J. F. Baldwin, *Antiquities of the King's Council*, E.H.R. xxi, 2.

² R.P. iii, 84.

³ It is found in the oath belonging to the year 1390, to be printed by Miss Putnam (see above, p. xxxiii, note 4).

⁴ Miss Putnam, *Early Treatises*, p. 238.

⁵ For the form of the jurors' oath at the end of the fifteenth century and its administration, see MS. Harl. 1777, printed by Miss Putnam, *op. cit.*, pp. 53-5.

⁶ I am most grateful to Miss Putnam for permission to make use of this information, which is to appear in detail in her forthcoming volume, and for the opportunity of investigating the origins of the articles of the charge.

⁷ Harl. MS. 773, ff. 50-1, to be printed by Miss Putnam.

belongs was, in all probability, the work of Robert de Repynghale, clerk of the peace in Lindsey, Kesteven, and Holland in 1448. Now, John de Repynghale was a member of the Kesteven commission of the peace between 1368 and 1370, and his son, another John, was a member of various Kesteven commissions between 1377 and 1407.¹ It is more than likely that the charge used (perhaps actually compiled) by the elder John and brought up to date by the younger John remained among the family papers, and, some forty years later, was incorporated by their descendant in his collection of precedents. If this supposition is correct, there is no reason to doubt that in the older articles of the charge of 1403-4 we have the version actually used by the Lincolnshire justices for the period covered by the peace rolls.

Other officials : The rolls give no information about the officials who attended the sessions of the peace other than the justices themselves, the jurors, and the reeves and constables who represented the vills. There are, however, references to the sheriff's clerk (L 28) and to some of the bailiffs and sub-bailiffs of the different wapentakes who delivered writs of summons (LL 227), and who would certainly have to attend. At the smaller sessions at which indictments were merely heard and not 'determined', a full attendance was probably not regarded as necessary. The sheriff must almost certainly have been there to answer for the execution of the writs summoning the juries, or, since the sheriff himself was an important and busy person, he might be represented by a deputy²; but the coroners probably did not come, since they would not be needed to record outlawries when the justices were not actually trying offenders. A full session, on the other hand, would be attended in person by all the officials of the county—the sheriff, bailiffs, bailiffs-errant,³ sub-bailiffs, seneschals, and coroners.

V

SUMMARY OF CASES BEFORE THE LINCOLNSHIRE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AND THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH

The indictments recorded in the five peace rolls afford much valuable information as to the type of offences that were being dealt with by justices of the peace in the latter part of the fourteenth

¹ See below, chapter VIII.

² I have not been able to discover any reference to an under-sheriff of Lincolnshire later than 1361, when Roger de Croxton held the office (*C.P.R.* 1361-64, p. 7).

³ I have found no reference to a bailiff-errant in Lincolnshire for the period of the rolls. In October, 1383, John Forester was granted the office of 'bailiff itinerant' in the county of Lincoln during pleasure (*C.P.R.* 1381-85, p. 317).

century, while the entries on the *coram Rege* rolls concerning those cases which were removed for trial before the court of King's Bench throw a good deal of light on the relations of that court to the sessions of the peace. In dealing with this material, the first step must be to enumerate and classify the offences contained in the indictments before the justices of the peace; the second, to discover the proportion of these indictments removed into the King's Bench, the results of the trials and the procedure involved. In later chapters certain of the more interesting cases will be examined in detail.

I. CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCES IN THE PEACE ROLLS

The variety of offences is considerable, and an attempt at classification cannot be anything but tentative. Some indictments include more than one offence, as when homicide is accompanied by theft, or when the accessories to a felony are indicted with the principals and not separately. On the other hand, the same offence is sometimes presented by a number of different juries and thus appears several times on the roll: for instance, roll LL contains seven separate entries concerning the Cantilupe murder. I have tried to count each offence once only and to class the various types of offence under the two main headings of felonies and trespasses, using the latter term in the sense evidently intended by the framers of the commissions of the peace, for all crimes below the rank of felony which a modern lawyer would call misdemeanours.¹ Before proceeding to a more detailed analysis it may be well to state in tabular form the main results of this classification:

<i>Roll</i>	<i>Felonies</i>	<i>Trespasses</i>	<i>Total number of offences</i>
L	0	35	35
LL	134	351	485
K	73	116	189
KK	36	48	84
H	38	68	106
Total:	281	618	899

Felonies: There was very little change in the main outlines of substantive criminal law in England from the reign of Edward I onwards,² and, with the exception of petty treason and burglary, all the felonies listed below were well-known in Bracton's day.³

Petty treason: LL. 1 instance. This crime—the murder of Sir William de Cantilupe by members of his household—will be

¹ Holdsworth, iii, 318.

² *Ibid.*, 276.

³ Bracton uses the term *burglatores* (*De Legibus*, f. 117), but does not include burglary among his list of felonies.

discussed at length in a later chapter: all that need be noted here is that petty treason, recently defined by the statute of 1352,¹ was the only type of treason with which justices of the peace could deal in the fourteenth century.

Homicide: LL, 32 instances; K, 16 instances; KK, 6 instances; H, 7 instances. In a few cases the homicide is accompanied by robbery or grand larceny.

Rape: LL, 6 instances; KK, 1 instance. The statute of Westminster II² had made this offence a felony in all cases. The verb *rapere* is used in all these indictments, and in five out of the seven the adverb *felonice* is also used; its omission in two cases is perhaps explained by the statement of Thomas Marowe (writing in 1503), that rape was a felony by statute and that therefore the word *felonice* in the indictment was not necessary.³ In spite of the statute, however, it is not unusual, in indictments of this period, to find rape treated specifically as a trespass. Sometimes a jury, for no apparent reason, will present two precisely similar cases, the one as a felony, the other as a trespass.

Grand larceny: LL, 62 instances; K, 40 instances; KK, 22 instances; H, 24 instances. These totals do not include a certain number of cases where theft accompanied some other felony, such as homicide or rape. Three of the indictments in roll K (67, 69, 71) refer to the general stealing of sheep or horses, without mentioning a specific offence, place, or time. The adverbs *furtive* or *felonice* are almost always used in these indictments of grand larceny, but are occasionally omitted if the verb employed is *furari*. This practice accords with another statement of Marowe, that the words *furatus fuit* without *felonice* ' . . . fuit aingge bone enditement de felony anno VI^{to} R. II (was held to be a good indictment of felony in the sixth year of Richard II)?⁴

Petty larceny: LL, 6 instances. This offence (the theft of goods valued at less than 12d.) was regarded as a felony in the fourteenth century, though strictly it was not a 'true felony', being punishable by whipping and the pillory instead of by death.⁵

Robbery: LL, 4 instances (excluding cases where robbery accompanies homicide); K, 1 instance; H, 1 instance. Legal authorities agree in defining robbery (a felony since the time of Henry II)⁶ as the taking of money or goods from the person of another by doing violence or by causing fear.⁷ It would seem that the verb *depredari* (to pillage or plunder), which occurs in all these indictments, had, by the end of the fourteenth century, acquired a technical legal meaning.

¹ 25 Edward III, stat. 5, c. 2.

² 13 Edward I, stat. 1, c. 34.

³ Miss Putnam, *Early Treatises*, p. 393.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ Holdsworth, iii, 366. Session records show, however, that in practice petty larceny frequently went altogether unpunished.

⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 368.

⁷ E.g. Marowe, p. 377; Blackstone, *Comm.* iv, 421; Hale, *P.C.* i, 532, quoted by Holdsworth, iii, 368.

Burglary LL, 7 instances ; K, 10 instances ; H, 3 instances. There is some uncertainty as to the exact definition of this offence in the fourteenth century, and any additional light which can be thrown upon it is therefore important. By the early sixteenth century, house-breaking by night with intent to commit a felony was an essential characteristic of burglary.¹ Britton, however (*circa* 1291) makes no reference to night nor to intent when he defines burglars as 'those who feloniously in time of peace break churches or the houses of others, or the walls or gates of our cities or boroughs'. Moreover, the rolls of the Kent Keepers of the Peace, 1316-17,² show that by the beginning of the fourteenth century burglary was not yet necessarily a nocturnal crime and was not confined to house-breaking. The offences classified here as burglary are those which are covered by Britton's definition, namely, house-breaking or close-breaking, accompanied by the felonious taking of goods ; only five of them took place at night and in only three cases (LL 69, 71, 229) is the technical verb *deburgare* used.

Breach of prison : LL, 1 instance. Whether prison-breaking ranked as a felony depended on the offence for which the prison-breaker had been incarcerated³ ; this case concerns the escape of an offender who had been taken and imprisoned for grand larceny (LL 25).

Arson : K, 1 instance. The indictment speaks of the felonious entry of a message, the setting fire to a grange, and the burning of all the grain therein (K 97).

Accessories to felony : LL, 15 instances ; K, 5 instances ; KK, 7 instances ; H, 3 instances. Most of these indictments are for 'receiving, relieving, comforting or assisting' a felon, knowing him to be such ; six are indictments of accessories at the fact ; three are for allowing the escape of a felon or suspected felon ; one is for 'procuring' a man to kill another (LL 242).

Trespases : The classification of felonies is a comparatively simple matter, but the mass of miscellaneous crimes other than felonies have not the same well-defined characteristics and it is often difficult to know how to distinguish between them and under which of several possible heads to place them. A very large number of indictments are concerned with offences for which the 'semi-criminal' action of trespass *vi et armis* in one of its various forms would lie ; others deal with the offences of officials ; others with the failure to perform some public duty ; others with economic offences and, especially, with breaches of the labour laws.

¹ *E.g.* Marowe, p. 378 ; Coke confirmed this definition, 3 Inst. c. 63. Marowe, however, seems to include close-breaking, if accompanied by the actual taking of goods, which Coke omits.

² Edited by Miss Putnam, pp. xxv-vi.

³ Pollock and Maitland (2nd ed.), ii, 509.

Assault: L, 20 instances; LL, 70 instances; K, 19 instances; KK, 12 instances; H, 42 instances. The characteristic phrase in these indictments is 'assaulted, beat, wounded, and ill-treated'. A few special cases may be noted. In one indictment (LL 376) the verb *mahemiare* is used, in addition to the usual phrase. Mayhem is defined by Bracton as depriving another of the use of some member necessary for fighting.¹ According to Marowe, the word *felonice* ought to be used in an indictment of mayhem² because, though it never became an indictable felony, it could, in the thirteenth century, be prosecuted by an appeal³; the fact that *felonice* does not occur in this case perhaps indicates that by the late fourteenth century the term mayhem was not always given the strictly technical meaning of earlier days.

Two cases in which assault was accompanied by ambush (L 7, LL 309) are also interesting. Not only was lying in ambush an offence often mentioned in commissions of Trailbaston and in early commissions of the peace, but in 1380, only a few years after the latest of these rolls was compiled, a phrase giving justices of the peace power to deal with those 'lying in ambush to maim and kill' was permanently included in their commission.

There are two cases of assault on a chaplain in church (K 29, 30); another of a man being chased to a wood where, in order to save his life, he was forced to give up a saddled horse and other goods worth ten shillings (LL 332); another of a man, described as 'a common malefactor in fairs and markets', riding armed at night and assaulting servants at a mill (L 10). In several instances the victims of assault took refuge in a house or church and dared not come out until they had made a fine with their persecutors or had been rescued.

Resistance to officials: L, 7 instances; LL, 15 instances; K, 8 instances; KK, 5 instances; H, 3 instances. A word frequently used in these indictments is *rescussum* (resistance). The officials mentioned are bailiffs, constables, a coroner (LL 326), the sheriff's clerk and bailiff (L 28), and tax-collectors (L 30, KK 37). The offences which have been grouped under this head differ from each other considerably in detail, and include breaking the stocks (L 27), breaking arrest, chasing constables from the market (L 20).

Breaking house, close, etc.: LL, 17 instances; KK, 1 instance; H, 3 instances. The phraseology of these indictments often differs from that in indictments of burglary only in the omission of the adverb *felonice*. The breaking of house or close is often accompanied by some other offence such as assault, the taking of beasts, crops, growing trees (LL 111) or documents (H 14), or the forcible abduction of servant (H 84) or heir (H 102).

¹ De Legibus, f. 145 b.

² *Early Treatises*, p. 391.

³ Holdsworth, iii, 317.

Taking goods : L, 3 instances ; LL, 4 instances ; K, 2 instances ; KK, 1 instance ; H, 1 instance. The substitution of the phrase *contra pacem* for the adverbs *felonice* or *furtive* makes it clear that these offences were presented as trespasses, not as felonies, though the value of the goods taken ranges from a hundred shillings to twelve pence, and they might well have been treated as grand larceny. One curious case, where stolen goods and money were taken from a thief in return for 'concealing the theft' looks like an accessory to a felony but for the word *transgressio* written in the margin of the roll (H 83).

Threats of life and limb or burning : L, 1 instance ; K, 1 instance ; KK, 1 instance ; H, 1 instance.

Imprisonment till payment of ransom : LL, 2 instances ; KK, 2 instances.

Abduction : LL, 6 instances ; KK, 1 instance ; H, 1 instance. In the first six cases the victims were servants, in the next, a girl who was kept in hiding for twenty days, against her mother's will (KK 52), in the last, felons fleeing from the country (H 81).

Extortion : LL, 6 instances ; K, 1 instance ; KK, 6 instances. This offence, the unlawful taking by any officer 'by color of his office, from any man, any money or thing of value that is not due to him, or more than is due, or before it is due,'¹ is always described by one of two phrases, *per extorcionem* or *colore officii*. The offenders include bailiffs, the 'keeper of the jurisdiction of Louth' (LL 198, 199), a canon of Newhouse (LL 426), the seneschal of the bishop of Carlisle (LL 84), and the gaoler of Lincoln castle (KK 7-13).

Other offences of officials : LL, 5 instances. Three of these cases, in which the offender was the seneschal of the bishop of Carlisle, will be discussed in the next chapter (LL 80, 82, 83) ; in the fourth case, the bailiff of the same bishop caused certain men to be unjustly amerced in the bishop's court (LL 84) ; in the fifth, a bailiff allowed the escape of a man arrested for various misdeeds (LL 303).

Refusal to keep the watch : L, 1 instance ; LL, 5 instances ; K, 1 instance ; KK, 1 instance ; H, 2 instances. This offence always involved disobeying the commands of the constable, and in a sense, therefore, belongs under the heading 'resistance to officials', but as the keeping of watches was ordered by the statute of Winchester, failure to keep them may reasonably be classed separately as a trespass on the statute.

Failure to attend inquests : L, 1 instance ; LL, 21 instances. Most of these are collective indictments of townships which have failed to make presentments at the sessions, but some of them refer specifically to the constable, bailiff or reeve, or to some or all of the 'four men' of the township. The special interest of these indictments has been discussed in a previous chapter.

¹ Blackstone, *Comm.* iv, 141.

Sworn jurors 'revealing counsel': L, 1 instance; KK, 1 instance; H, 1 instance. The oath by which members of the indicting jury were sworn to secrecy has also been discussed elsewhere.

Obstruction of a watercourse: LL, 1 instance (31).

Failure to repair a bridge: LL, 1 instance (158). Indictments of offences such as these last two, connected with the neglect or destruction of public utilities, were more frequently made in the sheriff's tourn and in the hundred court than before justices of the peace at this period.¹

Clipping money: H, 1 instance (72). At the period of these rolls the clipping of money was still a trespass at common law. There was evidently a recognised distinction between 'clipping' and 'counterfeiting', for whereas the famous statute of 1351² made it treason to 'counterfeil' the king's money, it was not until 1416 that another statute made 'clipping, washing and filing' a treasonable offence.³ This enactment would have removed the offence from the cognisance of the justices of the peace, who had no authority to deal with treason, but for another clause of the same statute,⁴ which specifically empowered them to enquire of (but not to try) 'counterfeiting, clipping, washing and other falsity of money of the land'.

Lawlessness and 'night-walking': K, 2 instances (189, 190). The phrases 'common malefactor', 'common affrayor,' 'common disturber of the peace' and 'night-walker' occur in many of the indictments of assault, but these two indictments alone are in general terms and do not refer to a specific offence. One of them (K 189) recalls very closely the language of one of the articles of the early fourteenth century View of Frankpledge: 'Of such as sleep by day and watch by night and fare well and have nothing'.

Forestalling: LL, 30 instances; K, 4 instances; H, 6 instances. The commodities concerned are corn, fish and turves.

Exporting uncustomed wool: H, 2 instances.

Selling rotten meat: LL, 1 instance.

Breaches of the assizes of bread and ale: LL, 15 instances; K, 50 instances; KK, 5 instances; H, 1 instance.

*Trespasses on the statutes of labourers*⁵: These offences are so numerous that it has seemed necessary to attempt a further classification, which will serve, also, to show which clauses of the ordinance of 1349 and the statute of 1351 were most frequently enforced.

(i) *Offences against the 'compulsory service clause'*⁶ LL, 46 instances; K, 2 instances. These include cases of labourers refusing

¹ See articles 10 and 11 of the View of Frankpledge, *S.R.* I, p. 246.

² 25 Edward III, stat. 5, c. 2. ³ 4 Henry V, stat. 2, c. 6. ⁴ C. 7.

⁵ 23 Edward III (ordinance); 25 Edward III, stat. 2, cc. 1-7; 35 Edward III, c. 9.

⁶ Miss Putnam's phrase, see *Stat. of Labourers*, p. 71.

to serve or to take the oath of obedience to the statute, resisting constables who attempted to make them serve, departing out of towns and wandering about the country to get higher wages.

(ii) *Giving and receiving excess wages or allowances*: LL, 39 instances; K, 16 instances; KK, 2 instances. The recipients are usually agricultural labourers (reapers, mowers, ploughmen, etc.), less frequently artisans (thatchers, carpenters, masons, tanners, a smith, a plumber).

(iii) *Taking excess prices*: LL, 31 instances; K, 8 instances; KK, 6 instances; H, 3 instances. The offenders in these cases are frequently tanners and shoemakers.

(iv) *Offences against the 'contract clause'*¹ (*departing from service before the end of the period agreed upon, and without reasonable cause*): LL, 30 instances; KK, 2 instances.

(v) *Abducting, 'procuring' or detaining servants from their rightful masters*: L, 1 instance; LL, 6 instances; K, 2 instances; KK, 2 instances; H, 1 instance.

It will be noticed that the proportion of offences against the labour laws in roll LL is exceptionally large (151 out of a total of 485). The earlier Lindsey roll (roll L), on the other hand, belongs to a period, according to the commission, when the justices of the peace had no specific authority over the whole body of labour laws, and it is therefore surprising to find that it contains one indictment for detaining a servant 'against the statute': perhaps, however, the addition of the phrase 'against the peace' was regarded as bringing the offence within the category of breaches of the peace, to be dealt with, as such, by the justices of the peace.

Certain conclusions may be drawn from the foregoing analysis. During the period of fifteen years covered by the rolls, the Lincolnshire justices of the peace were hearing indictments for every type of criminal offence from petty treason downwards. With the exception of trespasses against the statutes of labourers, these were mainly common law offences. At the end of the fourteenth century the justices of the peace were not burdened by 'stacks of statutes'² such as were laid upon them by parliament in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. They had 'ceased to be merely police officers and had become criminal law judges'³; they had not yet degenerated into the 'men of all work' of the state.

It is not surprising that in an agricultural county so many indictments should be concerned with breaches of the labour laws, whose main purpose was to remedy the scarcity of agricultural labour from which the landowners were still suffering, twenty and thirty years after the first and most serious visitation of the Black Death. On the other hand, the number of indictments for homicide and the lesser crimes of violence is considerable, and

¹ Miss Putnam's phrase, see *Stat. of Labourers*, p. 71.

² Holdsworth, i, 288.

³ Miss Putnam, *Transformation*, p. 45.

confirms the vivid impression of the lawlessness of rural England given by contemporary writers, such as the author of *Piers the Plowman*.

2. THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH IN ITS RELATION TO THE SESSIONS OF THE PEACE

(i) *Indictments for felony dealt with by the King's Bench*: 'The indictments for felonies brought before justices of the peace were 'determined' either by themselves acting as justices of Gaol Delivery, or by the regular justices of Gaol Delivery, or by the justices of the King's Bench'.¹ The first of these methods was probably less frequently used than the other two, though even towards the end of the fifteenth century justices of the peace as such sometimes tried their own cases²: however, the Lincolnshire justices in the years 1368-75 do not seem to have been delivering gaols or trying felonies. A certain number of indictments before them were tried by the justices who delivered Lincoln gaol in July, 1370, February and July, 1371, February and September, 1372,³ February and March, 1373,⁴ and March, 1375⁵; examination of these and other Gaol Delivery records, however, suggests that only a comparatively small proportion of the total number of offenders indicted in the sessions of the peace were sufficiently confident of their innocence, or sufficiently careless, to allow themselves to be arrested and imprisoned, to wait, perhaps, for several months, until the next Gaol Delivery. Thus plenty of work awaited the justices of the King's Bench when they came to Lincoln in the Michaelmas term of 1375, as is proved by the four peace rolls, which were specially compiled in preparation for this visit and which therefore record only those indictments which had not already been tried.⁶

Roll LL records the indictments for felony of one hundred and thirty-seven persons before the Lindsey justices of the peace between 1374 and 1375. Twenty-one of them were tried before the King's Bench on these indictments, or on separate indictments for the same offence made in the King's Bench itself, or on both: of these, fourteen were acquitted by the trial jury with a straightforward verdict of 'not guilty': five, on producing royal pardons, were released *sine die*: two were convicted and condemned to be hanged. Three persons, after appearing once before the King's

¹ Miss Putnam, *Early Treatises*, p. 3.

² See a roll of the Southampton justices of the peace in 1475 (K.B. 9/110) which Miss Putnam is printing.

³ The Gaol Delivery roll which covers 1370-72 is J.I. 3/159.

⁴ See J.I. 3 157.

⁵ See J.I. 3 162.

⁶ Except in five cases, due, evidently, to the carelessness of the clerk of the peace, in which names of persons already tried at Gaol Delivery were entered on the peace rolls and sent before the King's Bench: see LL 3, K 28, K 54 (two persons) and K 132.

Bench and pleading, failed to appear at a later stage of the trial, were put in exigend and, presumably, outlawed. Four persons, who had been imprisoned as the result of their indictment before the justices of the peace, were tried at the delivery of Lincoln gaol by the King's Bench; two of them were acquitted; one, who had been indicted of grand larceny, was found guilty by the jury of petty larceny only and released *sine die* by the court on the ground that the imprisonment which he had undergone while awaiting trial was sufficient punishment; one, who had been wrongfully arrested while in sanctuary, was sent back to the church from which he had been taken. Seven persons, after being arrested on indictment before justices of the peace, escaped before they could be brought to trial, two of them from Lincoln castle, one from Horneastle prison, the others from the custody of the township. Eighty-one persons failed to answer the summons to appear before the King's Bench, were put in exigend and, presumably, outlawed, though only in eight cases, referred to incidentally during the course of other trials, can the ultimate outlawry be definitely established. Finally, twenty-one names have not been found in any records other than roll LL itself.

Roll K records the indictments for felony of seventy-seven persons before the Kesteven justices of the peace in 1371.¹ Five of these were tried before the King's Bench, of whom two were finally acquitted before the justices of *Nisi Prius*; two produced royal pardons, though both had previously been acquitted before justices of Gaol Delivery, and were released *sine die*; one pleaded a previous acquittal before justices of Gaol Delivery and was also released *sine die*. Sixty-two persons were put in exigend for failing to appear before the King's Bench. The remaining ten (five indicted as principals and five as accessories) do not appear at all in the *coram Rege* rolls.

Roll KK records the indictments for felony of thirty-five persons before the Kesteven justices of the peace in 1374-5. Eight of these were tried before the King's Bench, of whom four were acquitted; three released *sine die* after pleading an insufficient indictment; one released *sine die* after producing a royal pardon. Twenty-five others were put in exigend for failing to appear before the King's Bench, though two of them had already been outlawed for their failure to appear before the justices of the peace. Two out of the thirty-five do not appear at all on the *coram Rege* rolls.

Roll H records the indictments for felony of forty-one persons before the Holland justices of the peace in 1368-75. Four of these were tried in the King's Bench, of whom two were acquitted; one released *sine die* after pleading an insufficient indictment; and

¹ I have not taken into account those entries towards the end of the roll which are so illegible as to make it impossible to ascertain the names of the indicted or the details of the indictment.

one, indicted as an accessory, released *sine die* owing to the death of his principals. Two others were returned by the sheriff as dead, when summoned for trial. The remaining thirty-five were put in exigent for failure to answer the summons to appear before the King's Bench.

(ii) *Indictments for trespass dealt with by the King's Bench*: Trespasses were not, as a rule, dealt with by the King's Bench, except for some special reason, of a kind suggested by the words of Mr C. T. Flower: 'The real nexus of the Crown side of the King's Bench is in fact the King's interest in the matter at issue, whether as the maintainer of public order or as the conservator of public utilities'.¹ Ordinary trespasses, which did not threaten either 'public order' or 'public utilities', were usually tried by the justices of the peace in their sessions and punished by fines, a procedure which is clearly illustrated in the earlier Lindsey roll (roll L). On the other hand, it was an accepted doctrine of fourteenth century lawyers that when the King's Bench came into a county it became, in Maitland's words, 'a court of oyer and terminer for that county',² and superseded, for the time, all other jurisdictions. This explains why the peace rolls, which were prepared for the visit of the King's Bench, include records of 'undetermined' trespasses as well as felonies; and why some (though not all) of these trespass cases, which would not, under ordinary circumstances, have been dealt with by the Bench, were brought before it when it came to Lincoln, a few of them being actually tried at Westminster in later terms.

Of the four hundred and seventy-five persons (approximately) whose indictments for trespass are recorded in roll LL, five were tried by the King's Bench; one of them was acquitted; one was fined; the ultimate fate of the other three is not recorded. All five were offenders of a somewhat unusual type, the first being an official who had forged a verdict, thus 'usurping the royal power'³; the second, a merchant who had sent corn out of the realm to Scotland, 'to the succour and aid of the king's enemies'⁴; the third, the abbot of Kirkstead, who had obstructed a public water-course⁵; the other two, bailiffs who, by their negligence, had allowed a felon to escape.⁶

Of the one hundred and ninety-five persons (approximately) involved in the indictments for trespass recorded in roll K, sixty were summoned before the King's Bench. The trial of only one

¹ *Public Works in Medieval Law*, Vol. i (Selden Society), Introduction, p. xviii.

² F. W. Maitland, *Select Pleas of the Crown*, Vol. i (Selden Society), Introduction, p. xi.

³ Appendix LL, VIII (p. 119, below).

⁴ Appendix LL, XXVI (p. 138, below).

⁵ Appendix LL, IV (p. 110, below).

⁶ Appendix LL, XIX (p. 133, below).

of these is recorded, and even his fate remains uncertain, since the verdict of the jury is not entered on the roll; four were returned as dead by the sheriff; writs of *capias* were issued against the others in Easter term, 1376, and eighteen of them were put in exigend in the following Trinity term. The word *finem*, written over about eighty other names in roll K probably indicates that these people came into the King's Bench, acknowledged their offences and were fined by the court. Such cases, which did not involve a jury trial or further process, would not be entered on the *coram Rege* roll, but on this occasion a careful clerk apparently checked off the names in the peace roll by writing *finem*, to show that these trespasses had now been 'determined'. Apparently none of those indicted for trespass before the later Kesteven justices were summoned before the King's Bench.

Of the one hundred and twenty-one persons (approximately) whose indictment before the Holland justices is recorded in roll H, only two appear in the *coram Rege* rolls. One was tried for an offence which, but for the form of the indictment, looks more like an accessory to a felony than an ordinary trespass; unfortunately the verdict of the trial jury is not recorded.¹ The other was summoned to appear in Michaelmas term, 1375, but disobeyed the summons and was outlawed; he came before the Bench at Westminster much later (Hilary term, 1377), produced a pardon for his outlawry, was fined for his trespass, and released *sine die*.²

The foregoing summary affords a significant commentary upon the efficacy of medieval justice in two respects. One is the difference between the numbers of those who were summoned to appear and of those who were actually brought before the court; as far as can be ascertained from the *coram Rege* rolls, thirty-three appeared from Lindsey, out of one hundred and twenty-one summoned; fourteen from Kesteven, out of one hundred and sixty summoned; six from Holland, out of forty-three summoned.

The second noticeable point is the preponderance of acquittals over convictions in those cases which were ultimately tried. Of the forty-two Lincolnshire people tried for felony as the result of the visit of the King's Bench to Lincoln in 1375, only two were actually convicted and condemned to death; the majority of the others were acquitted on the spot. One hesitates to believe that so few of those accused by the *fama publica* were really guilty, and one cannot but suspect that the reluctance of the trial juries to convict was due less to humanitarian motives than to venality.

It now remains to consider briefly the procedure by which the trials which have been referred to were conducted and the results which have been summarised were achieved.

(iii) *Procedure in the King's Bench*: Cases begun in the sessions of the peace came into the court of King's Bench, when sitting

¹ Appendix H, V (p. 247, below). ² Appendix H, VI (p. 248, below).

locally, in one of three ways, each of which is illustrated by the extracts from the *coram Rege* rolls on which this study is based. The first and most usual method was for the accused to be summoned simply on the score of his 'undetermined' indictment before the justices of the peace, in which case the entry of his trial on the *coram Rege* roll begins:

Formerly before the keepers of the peace in the county of Lincoln it was presented that Which indictment the lord king has caused to come before him to be determined.¹

When the King's Bench was at Westminster, indictments from sessions of the peace and other local courts were usually removed into it by a writ of *cerciorari*, of *terminari* or of error, but it would seem that indictments from courts of the county in which it was actually sitting came before it simply by virtue of a general writ calling for 'undetermined' indictments, without the need of a separate writ other than a *capias* to the sheriff for the arrest of the accused.²

Secondly, the accused might be freshly indicted before the King's Bench itself by one or more juries of the county in which it was sitting; the entry of the trial then begins: 'The jurors of different wapentakes [or hundreds] in the said county before the lord king at Lincoln make presentment that'. The *coram Rege* roll in these cases sometimes gives no indication of a previous indictment before justices of the peace, but sometimes it adds: 'And also, before the keepers of the peace in the said county it was presented'. It is, perhaps, not irrelevant to add here that the hearing of presentments by local juries was so important a part of the business of the King's Bench during its periodical migrations that it was sometimes necessary to start the work before the first day of the law term. The roll of 'Ancient Indictments'³ which records the presentments made before the Bench at Lincoln in 1375 shows that inquests were held *coram Rege* on October 4th,⁴ 5th,⁵ and 8th,⁶ although Michaelmas term did not begin until October 9th. Other inquests were held after term had begun, on October 11th,⁷ 12th,⁸ 15th,⁹ and 30th,¹⁰ and on November 2nd,¹¹ 5th,¹² 13th,¹³ and 20th¹⁴; there may have been yet others, for not all the enrolments give the date on which the indictment was made.

¹ The terms 'presentment' and 'indictment' seem to have been used interchangeably in the fourteenth century; in the sixteenth century, though they were 'confounded in common speech', there was 'a true and certain difference' between them, see Lambard, *Eirenarcha*, Bk. 4, c. 5.

² It is by no means certain that even a general writ was always issued; Marowe seems to imply that justices of the peace brought their indictments before the Bench 'without process' (*Early Treatises*, p. 407).

³ K.B. 9 59.

⁴ M. 59.

⁵ M. 61.

⁶ M. 1.

⁷ Mm. 54, 55, 67, 71.

⁸ M. 50.

⁹ M. 47.

¹⁰ M. 19.

¹¹ M. 12.

¹² M. 4.

¹³ M. 9.

¹⁴ M. 48.

Finally, since the King's Bench usually delivered the chief gaols of the counties which it visited, offenders awaiting trial in prison as the result of an indictment in the sessions of the peace might come before the justices of the Bench in their temporary capacity of justices of Gaol Delivery; the entry of the trial then begins: 'A.B., taken on an indictment made before the keepers of the peace now comes before the lord king'.

Indictments made before the King's Bench in the first instance and those removed into it from other courts were enrolled on the *coram Rege* roll for the term in which the accused actually appeared for trial, which was frequently long after he was indicted and received his first summons to appear. For instance, many of those summoned before the King's Bench at Lincoln in Michaelmas term, 1375, as the result of indictments of one kind or another, did not finally appear before it until a considerable time (in some cases more than a year) after its return to Westminster. A great deal of Lincolnshire business was thus being dealt with by the King's Bench for several terms after its visit to Lincoln and is recorded on the rolls for those terms; the entries usually begin: 'The jurors of different wapentakes formerly, namely in the term of St Michael, in the 49th year of the present king, before the lord king at Lincoln made presentment that'; the various stages of process (*capias*, *exigend* etc.) by which the prisoner has finally been brought before the court are then enumerated. A few of the trials which were actually begun at Lincoln were not, for various reasons, concluded there, and entries regarding their later stages are also found on the rolls for subsequent terms. This explains why a study of the relations of the King's Bench to the Lincolnshire sessions of the peace could not be confined to an examination of the roll for the one term during which the court was sitting at Lincoln.

The trials of cases removed from sessions of the peace into the King's Bench followed the regular procedure of that court on its criminal side, which is too well-known to call for more than a brief description here. Unless the accused had already surrendered or had been taken and imprisoned in the county gaol, a writ of *capias* was issued against him, and when he had been taken by the sheriff he was committed to the Marshalsea prison. If the sheriff returned *non est inventus* to the *capias*, the accused was put in *exigend* (i.e. a writ of *exigi facias* was issued), which might have the effect of producing him after a longer or shorter interval had elapsed; sometimes, however, he never appeared, and in such cases the presumption is that after being 'exacted' in five successive county courts he was outlawed.¹ The outlawry is not, of course, recorded on the *coram Rege* rolls, though it may be referred to incidentally, during the course of another trial, as, for instance, where someone

¹ In the case of a woman waived.

indicted as accessory to a felony was brought to trial on the grounds of the outlawry of his principal.¹

Almost always the accused, when brought into court, pleaded 'not guilty' and was tried by a jury of the county, either immediately, before the justices of the Bench, or later, before the justices of *Nisi Prius*. It is worth noting that the procedure for a trial at *Nisi Prius* had only very recently been established in its final form as the result of a statute of 1368.² Occasionally he made some other plea, such as a mistake in the form of the indictment,³ or a previous acquittal before justices of Gaol Delivery⁴; such cases were not submitted to a jury but the indictment or the Gaol Delivery records were sent for and examined by the court, and if they were found to substantiate the prisoner's plea, he was released *sine die*.

When the jury was held at *Nisi Prius* or the trial was adjourned for some reason, the accused was sent back to prison during the interval or, if the offence for which he was being tried was a bailable offence, he was released on mainprise: if his sureties failed to produce him on the specified day they were themselves in mercy and liable to a fine.⁵

It would seem that the long, unexplained delays which often occurred after a jury had been summoned were, in some cases at least, deliberately procured by the prisoner, or on his behalf, in order to allow him time to purchase a royal pardon, the production of which in court invariably secured his release.⁶ The pardons, which are usually entered in full on the *coram Rege* rolls, sometimes refer only to the specific offence which was being tried, but more often are in general terms covering all but the most serious crimes.

Reference has already been made to the scarcity of trials which resulted in a conviction as compared with those ending in acquittal or release *sine die*. In the case of a conviction for, or an admission of, trespass, the penalty was a fine, imposed by the court; having paid it, the offender was released *sine die*.⁷ A convicted felon was, of course, liable to the death penalty and to forfeiture of his goods to the crown and of his lands to his lord, but where the crime was petty treason, as in the case of the two Lincolnshire convictions, to the usual penalty of hanging was

¹ Appendix LL, VII (p. 117, below). An accessory could not be tried until his principal had been convicted or outlawed, outlawry being regarded as tantamount to conviction.

² 42 Edward III, c. 11. For a description of the procedure, see Blackstone, *Comm.* iii, 23.

³ Appendix KK, II (p. 212, below).

⁴ Appendix LL, I (p. 107, below); Appendix K, III (p. 185, below).

⁵ Appendix LL, XI (p. 122, below).

⁶ Appendix LL, VI, VII, XIV, XXVII (pp. 116, 117, 125, 129, below); Appendix K, II (p. 183, below); Appendix KK, V (p. 186, below).

⁷ Appendix LL, XXVI (p. 128, below).

added that of being drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution.¹ One would give much for further details of these executions, but the *coram Rege* roll, while recording the sentence, gives no indication as to the agency by which it was carried out. Indeed, one is tempted to wonder whether it was carried out at all, for the general impression given by these trials is that the king's justices were far more concerned to fill the royal coffers than to punish the guilty, except when this could be done with the minimum of trouble and expense and the maximum of profit for their master.

VI

DETAILS OF SOME LINCOLNSHIRE CASES

It is now time to turn to those cases which are sufficiently interesting to call for a more detailed examination than has been attempted in the foregoing summary. Sometimes the bulk of the material for such an examination is provided by the peace rolls in the shape of a series of indictments of the same person for different crimes committed, often, over a period of several years. More frequently, an indictment briefly recorded in the peace roll is the prelude to a long trial in the King's Bench. Occasionally the information afforded by the *coram Rege* rolls can be supplemented by reference to Gaol Delivery rolls. Finally, in a few cases, an interesting sidelight is thrown by enrolments on the close or patent rolls.

The majority of the cases discussed in this chapter are from the Lindsey records, since these are more voluminous than those of Kesteven and Ho'land combined. The most sensational of all the crimes presented before the Lindsey justices of the peace was the murder of Sir William de Cantilupe, but the material available for a study of this case is such as to warrant its treatment in a separate chapter, and it will therefore not be touched upon here.

Leaving aside the Cantilupe murder, the largest number of entries from the various types of record is concerned with Robert Neuland of Humberstone, who, to judge from his career, was a notorious and unpopular character. He was indicted at different sessions of the peace in Lindsey in 1374 and 1375 for the following crimes: (i) A series of brutal attacks on John Harner, Hermer or Ermer, of Humberstone, on Matilda, his wife, and Henry, his father, in 1371, 1373 and 1374 (LL 40, 249, 252); (ii) the theft of sheep from the abbey of Wellow in 1375 (LL 471): (iii) way-laying, assaulting, and wounding Robert Accwra, a monk of Humberstone, in September, 1375 (LL 468, 472). In this last deed Neuland had, as accomplice, a certain William West of

¹ Appendix LL, XXIX (i) (p. 141, below).

Humberstone, who was himself separately indicted for grand larceny (LL 470) and subsequently acquitted before the King's Bench.¹ It is no wonder that one of the presenting juries referred to them as 'common disturbers and malefactors of the peace'.

Neuland was freshly indicted for all these offences before the King's Bench at Lincoln by a number of different juries, who supplemented the earlier brief indictments by various picturesque details, such as that John Hermer, in attempting to escape the attacks of his persecutors, 'took to a certain ditch and stood there up to his shoulders, in fear of death'; and that the same John Hermer was assaulted 'even to the shedding of blood, in the cemetery of the church of Humberstone, whereby the said cemetery is still polluted'.

When Neuland came up for trial in the King's Bench he pleaded 'not guilty' to the felony, and was tried on the spot and acquitted.² For the various trespasses he was eventually fined by the court, although, as far as his long-standing quarrel with the Hermer family was concerned, the other side was apparently no less to blame than he was. At the very time that he was indicted by some of the King's Bench juries for assaulting John Hermer, the latter was himself indicted by other juries for 'falsely and maliciously conspiring' with Robert and William de Thirnesco 'to destroy Robert de Neuland' in 1373, by causing him to be falsely indicted for assault on Matilda, John's wife, and on that account arrested and imprisoned until acquitted before the keepers of the peace at Kirton in Lindsey on January 26th, 1374.³ The three men appeared at Westminster in Easter term, 1376, and pleaded 'not guilty'; a jury was summoned for the following term, but the later stages of the trial are unfortunately not reported.⁴

In addition to the offences for which he had previously been indicted, Robert Neuland was also indicted before the King's Bench for 'receiving' William Brian of Barton for three days, knowing him to have killed Robert Whyne. William Brian had himself been indicted for this murder before the justices of the peace (LL 293), but no reference was then made to his accessory. Neuland pleaded 'not guilty' and, his principal having already been outlawed, was tried at once and acquitted. Further information about William Brian is supplied by another entry on the *coram Rege* roll for Michaelmas term, 1375. Some time previously he had encoffed two clergymen, Ralph, the vicar of Barrow on Humber, and John de Drax, his chaplain, of all his lands and tenements, but had continued to enjoy the profits thereof himself. After his outlawry had been pronounced, a jury was summoned in the King's

¹ Appendix LL, XXVIII (p. 141, below).

² Appendix LL, V (i) (p. 111, below).

³ This reference is an important, if indirect, proof that the Lindsey justices were 'determining' trespasses.

⁴ Appendix LL, V (ii) (p. 115, below).

Bench to decide whether this enfeoffment was made 'fraudulently', at the time of committing the felony, in order to save the lands from forfeiture, as was claimed on behalf of the king, or whether it had been made in good faith, long before the murder of Robert Whyne, as was claimed by the feoffees.¹ The verdict of the jury is not recorded on the *coram Rege* roll, but a writ concerning the lands in question, addressed to the escheator of Lincolnshire, is enrolled on the close roll for 1388; it provides the information that a jury before Thomas de Ingelby and John de Cavendish at Lincoln in 1376 found that the gift of William Brian to John Drax and others was fraudulently made, and that the lands were consequently held to be forfeit and were seized into the king's hand.²

Robert Neuland, though he escaped serious punishment at the hands of the law, could not escape private vengeance. The final and most dramatic phase of his story recalls his attack on the monk Robert Acwra (LL 468, 472), for which he was fined by the King's Bench in 1375. Upon the close roll for 1378³ is enrolled a writ of *supersedeas* (afterwards vacated), dated October 28th, addressed to the sheriff of Lincoln, for the release on mainprise of the abbot of Humberstone and Robert Akewra [*sic*], indicted before the sheriff in his turn in the wapentake of Yerburch concerning the death of Robert de Neweland as according to the law and custom of England, indictments for manslaughter so taken at the sheriff's turns are of none effect.⁴

In the end, however, the man really responsible for bringing to an end Robert Neuland's wild career proved to be, not the monk whom he had wronged, but William West, his old accomplice; such, at least, appears to be the implication of another enrolment, this time upon the patent roll, in the shape of a royal pardon, dated September 25th, 1379, granted to William West of Humberstone 'for having killed Robert Neuland of Humberstone and robbed him of forty shillings and of a "pouche" and "daggere", value forty pence'; on August 1st, 1378.⁵ The vacating of the writ of *supersedeas* for the abbot and the monk probably means that they were released *sine die* when West, by the purchase of a pardon, acknowledged his own guilt.

William de Thoresby of Saltfleet Haven and William son of Andrew Milner, were two other troublesome Lindsey people, sometimes partners in lawlessness. In January, 1373, commissions had been issued to the mayor and bailiffs of Lincoln and to certain

¹ Appendix LL, V (iii) (p. 115, below).

² *C.C.R.* 1385-9, p. 368.

³ *C.C.R.* 1377-81, p. 218.

⁴ It seems possible that this writ was the result of a petition which had been presented in parliament in October, 1377, to the effect that sheriffs in their tourns might not have power to take indictments of homicide, to which the royal reply had been that the 'ancient laws' should be observed (*R.P.* III, p. 21, petition xv). Sheriffs, of course, had always taken such indictments, and continued to do so.

⁵ *C.P.R.* 1377-81, p. 391.

others, including a certain William Warde of Saltfleet Haven, giving instruction

for the making of a barge which the king has ordered to be made by the people of the city of Lincoln, and empowering them to arrest timber, boards, pitch and all other things required for the barge and also mariners, navigators and as many as shall be necessary for the safe conduct thereof to the place where the king has appointed it to be brought.¹

In the sessions of the peace in 1374, William de Thoresby was indicted for assaulting John de Outherpe of Lincoln, who had a royal warrant to attach seafaring men 'for the defence and equipment of a ship called le Barge of Lincoln', in March and May, 1374 (LL 161, 278). He was also indicted as accessory to a felony (LL 272) and for various other cases of assault (LL 274, 275, 282), while he and William Milner together were indicted for assaulting William Warde of Saltfleet Haven, mentioned in the commission for 'le Barge' (LL 276), for theft from William's son John (LL 279), and for assaulting one of the king's bailiffs (LL 277).

William de Thoresby was arrested on the indictment for felony and imprisoned in Lincoln castle, but when the justices of the King's Bench delivered the gaol in Michaelmas term, 1375, the constable of the castle reported that the prisoner had escaped. The constable was fined a hundred shillings (the usual penalty for negligent custody), and the fugitive was put in exigend.² He must have been well-known to the authorities, for on at least one previous occasion, in July, 1371, he had been tried and acquitted before the justices of Gaol Delivery at Lincoln on indictments of felony before the Lindsey justices of the peace.³

Meanwhile, William Milner came before the King's Bench during the course of Michaelmas term, after he had been put in exigend, and pleaded 'not guilty' to the charge of felony. He was tried later before the justices of *Nisi Prius*, and acquitted.⁴ The report of the case on the *coram Rege* roll refers to the fact that Milner also stood indicted for trespass before the justices of the peace, but there is no reference to his trial in the Bench on this charge.

A considerable amount of material relates to the murder of Robert Gascal, 'clerk', of Wold Newton, and his servant. Like Robert Neuland, this man had evidently made many enemies by his lawlessness. In 1373 and 1374 he was indicted before the Lindsey justices for the following crimes: (i) In 1369 seizing the chaplain of Ulceby at night and detaining him until thirty shillings in silver had been taken from him (LL 78); (ii) in 1371 stealing a cow from Nicholas Twyte (LL 79); (iii) in 1374 breaking the

¹ *C.P.R.* 1370-74, pp. 233, 245, 247.

² Appendix LL, XIV (i) (p. 125, below).

³ *J.I.* 3/159, m. 4.

⁴ Appendix LL, XIV (ii) (p. 126, below).

close of the prior of Sixhills and cutting down and carrying away his trees (LL 111).

Before long, perhaps as a result of these misdeeds, the tables were turned and Gascael himself became the victim of a series of attacks. In August, 1374, a special commission of oyer and terminer was issued to certain Lincolnshire magnates, as the result of his complaints that his own close had been broken, his goods taken, and he himself assaulted and threatened at Wold Newton and Louth by a band of armed men led by the parson of West Keal.¹ In May, 1375, a similar commission was issued with instructions 'to make inquisition touching a petition by Robert Gascael, clerk, that many evil-doers lay in wait for him at Waldneuton, chased him to the church there and besieged him therein and afterwards took and imprisoned him'.² The unfortunate man's complaints and petitions were of no avail to secure him protection, however, and on June 21st, 1375, he and his servant, John de Thorgamby or John Shepherd, met a violent death at the hands of some of their neighbours.

Richard Spenser, William Wariner, Thomas Wariner, Thomas Pynder and William Gentil were indicted for the murder in the Lindsey sessions of the peace in that same summer,³ and when the King's Bench came to Lincoln in the following October, Richard Spenser and Alice, his wife, were freshly indicted, by some juries as principals in the murder,⁴ by others as the accessories of Thomas Pynder.⁵ They appeared later in the term, after being put in exigend, and pleaded 'not guilty'; eventually they were acquitted on both counts by a jury at *Nisi Prius* in 1377, after Thomas Pynder had been outlawed. Their acquittal as principals was followed by that of Thomas Campyon, the parson of Beesby,⁶ whose name does not appear in the peace roll, but who was indicted before the King's Bench for 'receiving' them after the murder.⁷ The two Wariners and William Gentil, like Thomas Pynder, failed to appear, were put in exigend and, presumably, outlawed.

Another series of entries on the Lindsey roll and the *coram Rege* rolls relates to Walter de Shirland, the parson of Scotter, and Joan atte Flete. Joan was indicted at two different sessions of the peace for burgling the house of John Pardoner of Scotter in 1373 (LL 65, 229). Walter was indicted, in the first place, for felony on the separate charges of having 'received and maintained her', knowing her to have committed this felony (LL 230), and of having raped her (LL 231); and in the second place, for various

¹ *C.P.R.* 1374-77, p. 52.

² *Ibid.*, p. 153.

³ LL 334, 336, 337, 343, 352, 353 (pp. 77-80, below). Not all the accused are named in each presentment.

⁴ Appendix LL, XVIII (i) (p. 130, below).

⁵ Appendix LL, XVIII (ii) (p. 131, below).

⁶ *I.e.* Beesby near Hawerby, not Beesby in the Marsh.

⁷ Appendix LL, XVIII (iii) (p. 133, below).

trespasses, chiefly assault and close-breaking (LL 232-6). He was freshly indicted on the first of these counts before the King's Bench at Lincoln, was summoned to answer for the two felonies, and finally appeared at Westminster in Trinity term, 1376, with a royal pardon for them both. This disposed immediately of the indictment for rape, but not of the indictment as Joan's accessory, since she herself had not yet been tried or waived. On this charge Walter was therefore released on mainprise until the following Michaelmas term. By this time Joan had been waived for her non-appearance, but in the interval Walter had been sued for a debt of £20 before the sheriff of London by one of his own mainperners, and imprisoned in Newgate; he was thus unable to appear before the Bench in Michaelmas term until a writ of *habeas corpus* had been issued to the sheriff on his behalf. When he finally came into court once more, he again pleaded 'not guilty', and a jury was summoned. Another long delay then ensued, which enabled Walter to procure another pardon, this time in general terms, in consideration of which he was finally released *sine die* in Trinity term, 1377.¹ There is no record of his trial for the various trespasses for which he had been indicted in the sessions of the peace.

An interesting case is that of Geoffrey Webster of Brabant, *alias* Geoffrey Braban, a Flemish weaver, who was tried at the delivery of Lincoln gaol by the King's Bench, on indictment before the Lindsey justices for the murder, in 1374, of another Fleming, Reginald Webster (LL 457).² To the familiar plea of 'not guilty' the jury returned a verdict of homicide in self-defence, in language which gives a vivid glimpse of contemporary life. The two compatriots were playing together 'at a ball game called tenes', when a quarrel arose between them, provoked by Reginald, who drew his dagger and chased his opponent into a corner formed by two walls (perhaps a corner of the tennis court?), striking at him continuously with his dagger in an attempt to kill him; the wretched Geoffrey, unable to escape, was forced in self-defence to draw his own knife, 'called a quetil,' with which he struck Reginald in the stomach 'so that he died'.³

'The man who commits homicide in self-defence deserves but needs a pardon,'⁴ and Geoffrey was accordingly sent back to prison 'to await the royal mercy'. He did not wait in vain, for in Easter term, 1376, he was able to produce a royal pardon and was thereupon released *sine die* by the court.

A touch of comedy is given to the story by the indictment, by a Lincolnshire jury in the King's Bench in Michaelmas term,

¹ Appendix LL, VII (p. 117, below).

² See also K 12, indictment in April, 1371, of 'Reginald Brabayn of Grantham Webster' for 'receiving' a felon.

³ Appendix LL, XXVII (p. 139, below).

⁴ Pollock and Maitland (2nd ed.), ii, p. 479.

1375, of Reginald Webster for the murder of Geoffrey Braban!¹ The fact that both the men were weavers and both Flemings, combined, perhaps, with a touch of sturdy local scorn for them on the latter score, was no doubt responsible for the confusion between their names.

Apart from its picturesque circumstances, the chief interest of the case arises from the foreign birth of the parties. The treatment of aliens in the central courts at this period has been fully dealt with in a recent work,² but the recognition afforded to them in local as well as in the central common law-courts, illustrated by this indictment in the sessions of the peace, has perhaps not been fully realised hitherto.

The case of John Ammory, the seneschal of the bishop of Carlisle's liberty of Horncastle, is noteworthy rather for the offences of which he was accused than for anything unusual in his trial. The jury of Horncastle indicted him at one of the sessions of the peace in 1373, as follows: (i) Taking certain carcasses of bullocks from John Condewoke, against the latter's will (LL 80); (ii) extortion (LL 81); (iii) habitually oppressing the tenants of the bishop's court by fining them unjustly, at his own will, instead of according to the assessment of the court (LL 83); (iv) seizing the 'book of the verdict' of an indicting jury from the hands of one of the jurors who was taking it to the justices, and forging a new one, which he caused to be delivered to the justices in its place, in which many men of the neighbourhood were unjustly accused (LL 82).

Ammory was tried on these indictments in the court of King's Bench in Michaelmas term, 1375, and acquitted.³ One is tempted to believe that the arts of bribery and extortion, in which he was evidently so well-versed, may have been employed to secure him a favourable verdict.

As a final example from the Lindsey records may be taken another case to which reference has been found in the patent roll. In 1374 the jurors of Candleshoe wapentake accused Thomas de Spridlington and a number of his servants of breaking into the abbey of Barlings on the night of May 14th of that year, and committing assault on the constable of Cainby and two others who were keeping watch there 'according to the statute of Winchester' (LL 188). The abbot apparently had influence and succeeded in persuading the government to investigate the crime without delay. On July 10th four members of the Lindsey commission of the peace, Sir John Cavendish, Sir Thomas de Ingelby (the two justices of the King's Bench), Sir Ralph de Cromwell and Nicholas Hatelcyf,

¹ Ancient Indictments, K.B. 9/59, m. 56.

² *Alien Merchants in England, 1350 to 1377*, by Miss Alice Beardwood. The author includes the Webster case in her list of cases in the King's Bench to which alien merchants were parties (p. 183), but without referring to the provenance of the indictment.

³ Appendix LL, VIII (p. 119, below).

received a special commission of oyer and terminer, 'on complaint of the abbot of Barlyngs that Thomas de Spridlington of Glentham and others hired by the said Thomas, breke the close and houses of the abbot at Cayenby and assaulted his men who were keeping watches according to the statute of Winchester'.¹

Of the three Kesteven cases which have been selected for discussion the first is connected with a burglary by Eleanor daughter of Simon Gilberd, for which she herself was never brought to trial. At the Kesteven sessions of January 11th, 1371, the Loveden jury indicted her for house-breaking and the theft of £17 4s. 10½d. from John Crane on February 5th, 1366, adding that the stolen money was still at the manor of Caythorpe, which was said to be held of William of Wykeham, the bishop of Winchester, by Richard de Ravensere,² archdeacon of Lincoln (K 136).

A jury in the King's Bench at Lincoln in 1375 indicted Eleanor for what is clearly the same crime, though the date mentioned is March 17th, 1364, and the sum stolen exactly £17. The jury further stated that after the crime a certain Robert de Staunesby was taken by the constables and put in the stocks at Caythorpe for 'receiving' Eleanor, that the two bailiffs of Loveden wapentake mainperned for his appearance at the next gaol delivery at Lincoln, but that he subsequently fled, leaving chattels worth 30s., for which the vill of Caythorpe was answerable. Finally, the jurors said that John Aleyn, bailiff of the manor of Caythorpe, took the money from Eleanor on the day of the theft, though he knew it to have been stolen, and that it had remained in the hands of Sir William Bardolf, the lord of the manor, although, as forfeited chattels, it belonged of right to the king.³

Eleanor Gilberd did not answer the summons to appear, as is proved by the writ of exigend issued against her in the following Easter term, nor is there any further reference to her accessory, Richard de Staunesby. William Bardolf, however, who was summoned to answer for the stolen money, appeared by attorney before the Bench while it was still at Lincoln and denied that the sum in question had ever been in his hands or that it had been taken from Eleanor by his bailiff, John Aleyn: he said that John Crane himself had pursued Eleanor after the theft and recovered the money, but being afraid to keep it any longer in his own house,

¹ *C.P.R.* 1370-71, p. 488.

² There are many references to the archdeacon on the patent rolls, see *C.P.R.* 1370-74, pp. 147, 183, 187, 218, 258, etc.; 1374-77, pp. 71, 97, 354, 474, etc. See also Foss, iv, *sub nomine*.

³ Appendix K, VIII (i) (p. 189, below). Caythorpe was held in chief by the service of one knight's fee, and had come to the Bardolf family through Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Roger Damory and Elizabeth his wife (d.1361), who married Sir John Bardolf (Eliz. de Burgo, Inq. p.m. 34 Edw. III). The connection of the bishop of Winchester with the manor (see K 136) is not clear.

had handed it over to Aleyn to keep for him until he should ask for it again. A jury was summoned for Hilary term, 1376, to try this issue, but there is no report of the verdict.¹ The interest of the case lies in the illustration which it affords of the complications which might arise from a ten years' old crime in which the king's financial interests happened to be involved, though the sum at stake amounted only to £17.

A second series of extracts from the Kesteven records refers to a quarrel between two fairly eminent persons, John de Rouceby and William de Aiermyn or Eirmyn. Each of these men is described in documents of the period as 'king's clerk'. John de Rouceby was perhaps one of the king's architects, for he was frequently in charge of building operations and repairs at different royal castles, including Windsor castle.² William de Aiermyn in 1376, and possibly earlier, was treasurer of Calais.³ The first reference to him in the Kesteven peace rolls is the entry of an indictment at a session in August, 1374, of three men for assaulting one of his servants, Robert Knot (KK 53). The quarrel with de Rouceby is described in two indictments at a later sessions, on September 26th, 1374. In the first of these, a number of William de Aiermyn's servants are said to have made an armed attack on John de Rouceby at Silkby on January 16th, besieged him in his manor and imprisoned him from dawn till the ninth hour, so that he and his servants dared not leave the manor until finally a love-day was arranged between him and William de Aiermyn by master John de Carlton and Elias de Midelton (KK 60). The truce was short-lived, however, for in the second indictment, William de Aiermyn's son, Thomas, six of his servants, including Robert Knot, and 'Roger Personsonne de Wylughby' are said to have lain in wait for some of de Rouceby's servants on the night of September 21st and assaulted them with swords, pitchforks, clubs, and knives, leaving two of them in danger of death (KK 61).

Though this second offence was presented in the sessions of the peace only five days after it had occurred, the local authorities were apparently unable or unwilling to bring the offenders to book, and John de Rouceby sought redress in higher quarters. In return for the usual sum of half a mark paid into the hanaper, he secured the appointment, on December 14th, under a special commission of oyer and terminer, of a number of gentlemen, including Henry Asty and Thomas Claymond, two of the Kesteven justices, to investigate his complaint against William de Aiermyn, Thomas, his son, Elias de Midelton and a very large number of their servants,

¹ Appendix K, VIII (ii) (p. 190, below).

² *E.g.* C.P.R. 1370-74, p. 274, Windsor; C.P.R. 1374-77, p. 98, Worldham and Wheatley; p. 233, Clarendon and King's Langley; p. 253, Porchester castle.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 390. A William de Ermyn or Armyrn is mentioned as baron of the exchequer in 1402, see Foss, iv, *sub nomine*.

including all those named in the Kesteven indictments.¹ John de Rouceby's own petition is couched in more vivid language than that of the entries in the peace roll, and describes at length how his enemies

besieged him and his servants at North Willughby. . . . within his dwelling house there for a long time, making continuous assaults to kill them there and burn his houses, so that he dared not go thence to the king's castle of Somerton to survey it and repair the defects thereof . . . assaulted him and his men and servants, so threatened them that he dared not go to his own and cannot find servants to serve him, whereby his crops and hay have been lost through lack of servants, his land is untilled, his meadow unmown and his other affairs undone. Whether anything was achieved by the special commission has not been discovered. An apparently uncompleted enrolment of the two indictments occurs on the *coram Rege* roll for Michaelmas term, 1375,² without mention of any resulting process or trial.

John de Rouceby, who later became a canon of Lincoln cathedral and rector of Horncastle, met a violent death in 1388, being robbed and murdered 'while habited in full canonicals on the high road leading to Lincoln'. Sentence of excommunication was passed against his murderers by the church,³ and a special commission of oyer and terminer was appointed in February, 1389, to try them,⁴ but whether either spiritual or temporal measures availed to avenge the unfortunate cleric remains uncertain.

A character who figures in both Kesteven and Holland material is John Clerk of Wellbourn, the chief constable of Skinnand⁵ and several times a member of the Boothby Graffoe jury at the Kesteven sessions of 1374 (KK 4, 15, 33, 40, 73). In 1373 he was forcibly imprisoned and compelled to pay a ransom of ten marks by a certain John Jope, evidently a somewhat suspicious character, who was subsequently tried before the King's Bench at Lincoln on an indictment before the Kesteven justices for the murder of his own wife.⁶

At one of the Holland sessions of the peace between 1373 and 1375 John Clerk was himself indicted for 'receiving' John Tengy of Whaplode, though he knew him to be a thief (H 69). He came into the King's Bench at Lincoln on this indictment but was released on mainprise for a year pending the conviction of his principal. At the same time he was tried and acquitted on an indictment for theft, made in the sheriff's tourn. He appeared at Westminster in Michaelmas term, 1376, Tengy having by then been outlawed, and pleaded that the indictment upon which he had been brought before the court was insufficient because it made

¹ *C.P.R.*, 1370-74, p. 61.

² K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 32 d.

³ *Cal. Linc. Wills* (British Record Soc.), vol. I, 1320-1600, p. 12.

⁴ *C.P.R.* 1385-89, p. 553.

⁵ See Appendix KK, IV (p. 215, below).

⁶ KK 43: Appendix KK, VI (p. 217, below).

no mention of the place where he was supposed to have 'received' the felon.¹ The indictment was examined by the court, Clerk's statement was found to be correct, and he was accordingly dismissed *sine die*, after finding surety for £10 for his good bearing.²

The only other Holland case which seems to call for special mention is again one of those whose significance is due to the fact that it concerned the king's financial interest. Benedict Hoghyrd and John de Bynglay were indicted before the Holland justices of the peace (H 73, 74) and also before the King's Bench³ at Lincoln for having, in the autumn of 1372,⁴ taken 4½ sacks of wool, upon which they had not paid customs, to a place called 'Frestonhorde', where they placed it on board a ship called 'le Clement', belonging to John Malbroke, 'schyplord'. The 'schypmester', John Hunte, was said to have been their accomplice and to have received the wool, intending to take it overseas. One of the King's Bench juries further stated that the wool was found by John Malbrok and Roger Broude, the bailiffs of the customs collectors, William de Spayne and Thomas Aubrey, to whom they delivered it.⁵

The three men, Hoghyrd, Bynglay, and Hunte, were apparently never apprehended and do not appear in the *coram Rege* rolls, the only trial which resulted from these various indictments being that of William de Spayne, who was summoned into the King's Bench at Lincoln to answer for the disposal of the wool. De Spayne was an important man, prominent in the service of the duke of Lancaster and a member of the commissions of the peace for Holland of 1368, 1374, and 1375.⁶ He and Thomas Aubrey were first appointed collectors of customs 'in the port of Boston and all places to Grymesby on the one side, and there, and Blakeneye on the other side, and there' in September, 1369.⁷ The appointment was renewed in August, 1370,⁸ but in October, 1372, Frederick Tylyne was appointed to serve with de Spayne instead of Aubrey, who was said to be 'so incapable that he cannot labour herein'.⁹ His incapability was probably due to illness or old age, for when

¹ Great importance was attached to the form of the indictment, in the fourteenth century as in later times. Marowe, in a lecture entirely devoted to the subject, gives a list of the five requirements for a correct indictment (*Early Manuscripts*, p. 384), which Lambard copied (*Eirenarcha*, Bk. 4, c. 5); they are: (i) Names and 'addition' of the party indicted. (ii) Year, day and place of committing the offence. (iii) Name of the person injured. (iv) Nature and value of the property concerned. (v) Nature of the offence. For examples of 'insufficient' indictments quashed in seventeenth century quarter sessions, see Peyton, vol. I, L.R.S. xxv, Introduction, p. lxxv, n. 6.

² Appendix H, II (p. 244, below).

³ Appendix H, III (i) (p. 245, below).

⁴ In the peace roll the date is given as October 26th, in the Ancient Indictment roll (K.B. 9 59) as November 2nd, exactly one week later.

⁵ Appendix H, III (ii) (p. 245, below).

⁶ See below, chapter VIII.

⁷ *C.F.R.* 1369-77, p. 28.

⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 91.

⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 187.

he was summoned before the King's Bench in 1375, the sheriff returned him as dead.¹

William de Spayne thus appeared alone before the Bench at Lincoln and stated, in the first place, that he had received the 4½ sacks of wool taken from the 'Clement', short of one stone; a jury was summoned to decide this issue and gave a verdict in his favour. He then affirmed that he had accounted to the exchequer for all the wool, less one stone, and asked that his statement be proved by reference to the exchequer records. A writ of *cerciorari* was accordingly sent to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer, and the case was adjourned until Easter term, 1376, when they sent word in response to the writ as follows: on examining the records it was found that de Spayne and Aubrey had accounted for £23 3s. 1d., being the price of two sarplers and one poke of wool, or, by weight, 4½ sacks, sold at £4 3s. 4d. a sack, but the accounts contained no mention of whose the wool had been, nor by whom taken into the king's hand. The king's attorney thereupon claimed that the wool mentioned in the exchequer roll was not the same as that referred to in the various presentments upon which de Spayne was being tried; this issue was submitted to another jury, which was held at *Nisi Prius* before Hilary term, 1377, and again gave a verdict in favour of de Spayne; namely, that the wool for which he had already accounted in the exchequer was the same as that for which he was now being held answerable. The judgment of the court is not recorded on the *coram Rege* roll, but it is safe to assume that de Spayne, as the result of this verdict, was dismissed *sine die*.

Limitations of space forbid the description of all the cases contained in the appendixes to the various Lincolnshire rolls; moreover, many of the trials in the King's Bench were characterised by no unusual features but followed the normal procedure of the court, and are covered by the summary of trials and procedure given in the previous chapter. Enough has been said here, perhaps, to show what a mine of information, legal, economic, and social, awaits investigation in the various types of record upon which this study is based, and how greatly the value of these records may be increased when they are used to supplement each other.

VII

THE MURDER OF SIR WILLIAM DE CANTILUPE

The murder of the young Sir William de Cantilupe in 1375² virtually brought to an end an old and distinguished family which had, for many years, played a considerable part in English history.

¹ Appendix H, III (ii) (p. 245, below).

² LL 344, 358, 362, 369, 377, 418, 452, and Appendix LL XXIX (p. 141, below).

This fact, together with the cold-blooded and brutal circumstances of the crime and the number of those accused of complicity in it, most of them the murdered man's servants and one of them his wife, all contributed to make it something of a *cause célèbre*. The comparative silence of contemporary records on the subject is therefore the more remarkable. The *Inquisiciones post mortem* and the close, fine, and patent rolls naturally contain ample evidence of the death of William de Cantilupe, but, with the exception of one pardon enrolled on the patent roll for 1387, which will be discussed later, no reference in any printed material has been found to the fact that he was murdered. Thus, it is not surprising that later writers, including the authors of the articles on the Cantilupe family in the *Complete Peerage* and the *Dictionary of National Biography*, not having seen the reports of the indictments at the sessions of the peace and of the trial before the King's Bench, reproduced here, should have remained silent on the subject. It has therefore seemed worth while to collect as much information as possible about the Cantilupes in the latter part of the fourteenth century in order to establish the circumstances under which the murder was committed, and to suggest a possible motive for the deed.

I. THE CANTILUPE FAMILY¹

The early history of the family is too well-known to call for more than the briefest reference here. The younger branch, to which the victim of the murder of 1375 belonged, was founded by Nicholas, a brother of the third William de Cantilupe and of Thomas, the saintly bishop of Hereford. By his marriage to Eustacia, the daughter of Ralph FitzHugh, Nicholas acquired large estates, including Greasley, in Nottinghamshire, which became the family seat from that time, Ilkeston in Derbyshire, Middle Claydon in Buckinghamshire, and the three Lincolnshire manors of Lavington (or Lenton), Kingthorpe, and Witheall. His son, William, married as his second wife a Yorkshire heiress, Eva de Boltby, and added Ravensthorpe and its adjacent manors of Boltby and Thirlby to the family lands. He received a writ of summons to parliament in 1299, and had an active career in the service of Edward I.² He left two sons; the elder, another William, died young and seems to have been in no way distinguished; the younger, Sir Nicholas de Cantilupe, was the most notable member of this branch of the family. The date of his birth is unknown, but as early as 1322 he accompanied Edward II to Scotland.³ He was

¹ The name is spelt in a variety of ways. The form 'de Cantilupo' appears throughout the peace roll, but is varied, in the *coram Rege* rolls, by 'Cautilouue', 'Cantelouue', and 'Cantilouue'; all these forms, together with 'Cautilieu', 'Cantelo', and 'Canteloo' appear on the close and patent rolls.

² *Complete Peerage*, iii, 112.

³ *C.P.R.* 1321-24, p. 86.

knighted in 1326,¹ and thenceforward until his death in 1355 he was constantly employed by Edward III both in peace and war. He served on many judicial commissions in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, including the extraordinary commission sent out in December, 1340, to hear and determine 'the felonies, trespasses and excesses' of the king's ministers,² and he played a not inconspicuous part as a supporter of the king in his quarrel with the archbishop of Canterbury in 1341.³ Diplomatic and military duties took him frequently to Scotland, Flanders, and France, and he was with the king at Créçy in 1346.⁴

Sir Nicholas was a man of some piety, which he demonstrated in the characteristic fashion of the age, his chief religious project being the founding of the small Carthusian house of Beauvale, at Greasley, for a prior and twelve monks. He also founded the Cantilupe Chantry at Lincoln 'for the support of three chaplains . . . to celebrate in the cathedral church at the altar of St. Nicholas for the good estate of the said Nicholas and Joan his consort'.⁵ His works of piety were carried on after his death by his widow, who, in 1358, founded a chantry of five chaplains at Lincoln to celebrate divine service for her husband's soul and her own.⁶

Throughout his life Sir Nicholas was closely connected with local affairs in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, and Lincolnshire, where the principal estates of the family were situated. Like his father and grandfather, he lived at Greasley, receiving, in 1340, the royal permission to 'crenellate his dwelling' there.⁷ In Lincolnshire, in addition to Lavington, Kingthorpe and Withcall, he had other lands, which he held for life, some of them by right of his wife, Joan, who had been the wife of Sir William de Kyme,⁸ and some 'of the grant of Roger Lestraunge'.⁹

By his first wife, Tiphaine, Sir Nicholas had one son, William, whose own two sons were aged thirteen and eleven at the time of their grandfather's death.¹⁰ By his second wife, Joan, who survived him, he had no children. Before he died he arranged for the disposal of his property in the following way. He settled half his lands, namely Greasley, Ilkeston, the two Buckinghamshire manors of Middle Claydon and Ellesborough, and the three Lincolnshire manors on his wife for her life, with remainder to Nicholas,

¹ *C.P.R.* 1324-26, p. 247.

² *C.P.R.* 1340-43, p. 106; *C.C.R.* 1341-43, *passim*.

³ *C.C.R.* 1341-43, p. 102.

⁴ For further particulars, see Dugdale, *Baronage*, i, 732; *Complete Peerage*, iii; *D.N.B.*, *sub nomine*.

⁵ See The Chantry Certificates for Lincoln and Lincolnshire, *Associated Societies Reports* xxxvi, 220-223. The Cantilupe Chantry House at Lincoln still exists.

⁶ *Ibid.*; *C.P.R.* 1358-61, p. 92.

⁷ *C.P.R.* 1338-40, p. 449.

⁸ *C.C.R.* 1354-60, p. 162.

⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 97.

¹⁰ *Complete Peerage* iii, 114-15.

the elder grandson, and the heirs of his body, remainder to William, the younger grandson, and the heirs of his body, remainder to the right heirs of Nicholas, the grandfather.¹ The rest of the lands, namely the Yorkshire manors of Ravensthorpe, Boltby, Thirlby, Stanley, Farnely, Azerlawe, Braythwayt and Redmire, he settled by a fine on himself and Joan his wife and the heirs of their bodies, remainder to William, his younger grandson, and the heirs of his body, remainder to Nicholas, the elder grandson, and the heirs of his body, remainder to his own right heirs.² Thus, at Joan de Cantilupe's death in 1362, the first group of lands, including the house at Greasley, went to the younger Nicholas, and the second group to the younger William. When the younger Nicholas died childless, his share of the lands went to his brother. Their father, the elder William, received nothing until, on the death of his second son without children, the lands reverted to him as 'the right heir of Nicholas the grandfather'.

After Sir Nicholas' death the Cantilupes no longer played such an important part in public affairs. His son, William, who married Joan, daughter of Sir Adam de Welle, of Lincolnshire, never received a writ of summons to parliament, nor do the close and patent rolls bear any record of his activities, except for a few unimportant entries, such as the witnessing of pardons given by the king for good service in the French wars, the acknowledging of debts, and the like.³

Nicholas, the elder of William's two sons, apparently took up his abode at Greasley when he succeeded to half the family lands on the death of his step-grandmother in 1362. In 1366 we find him complaining that Sir Ralph Paynel and others had broken into his castle at Greasley, ravished his wife, Katherine, and carried her away, together with goods and chattels of his.⁴ A commission of oyer and terminer was appointed to investigate the case, but no further reference to it has been found. This is particularly unfortunate because Paynel was accused of complicity in the younger William's murder in 1375 and one would be glad to know more of his relations with the Cantilupes. He was himself a member of a family which had been prominent for many years in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire; he served as sheriff of Lincolnshire in 1376-77⁵ and the close and patent rolls contain many references to him as a member of commissions of different kinds under Edward III and Richard II.

The younger Nicholas de Cantilupe died at Avignon in 1370-71, leaving no children, and his widow, Katherine, almost

¹ *C.F.R.* 1369-77, p. 295; *C.C.R.* 1374-77, pp. 153-54.

² *Complete Peerage*, iii, 113, quoting Feet of Fines, bun. 275, f. 121, no. 38.

³ *C.P.R.* 1345-48, pp. 484-519.

⁴ *C.P.R.* 1364-67, p. 281.

⁵ *C.F.R.* 1369-77, p. 368; 1377-81, p. 3; *List of Sheriffs* (P.R.O. Lists and Indexes No. IX).

immediately married Sir John Auncell,¹ another important Lincolnshire man, who represented his county in the parliament of March, 1377.² During the year 1371 Sir John and his wife were involved in a law-suit with the younger William over the three Lincolnshire manors of the Cantilupes, Katherine claiming that she had been enfeoffed of them jointly with Nicholas, her late husband, while William asserted that his brother had held the manors in tail with remainder to himself in tail.³ The manors were committed to the keeping of William, as the nearest heir, pending the settlement of the suit in chancery, and were finally adjudged to him in accordance with the terms of the entail.⁴ This Sir John Auncell, like Sir Ralph Paynel, seems to have been a somewhat turbulent person; he was tried in the King's Bench at Lincoln in 1375 on an indictment for rape and various indictments for assault,⁵ one of his victims being Sir William Marmyon, a member of the commission of the peace for Kesteven at the time.⁶ Sir John was acquitted on all the charges, but the verdict may well have been due to his influential position rather than to a belief in his innocence on the part of the jury.

William de Cantilupe, the younger, had livery of his brother's lands in September, 1371,⁷ having already succeeded to the Yorkshire estates on the death of Joan de Cantilupe in 1362. Only a few meagre details of his career can be ascertained from the available records. He married Maud, daughter and heiress of Sir Philip Nevil of Scotton, Malmeton, and Grimsthorpe.⁸ We know that he went abroad on a pilgrimage, for in December, 1367, he received the royal licence to 'pass beyond the seas' for this purpose, with a small retinue, and to nominate attorneys in his absence.⁹ In September, 1371, he was again abroad, this time in Aquitaine, on the king's service, though in what capacity is not clear, and the homage due from him for his brother's lands was accordingly respited till the following Christmas.¹⁰ He probably lived for part of the year at Greasley, which he inherited from his brother, though at the time of his own death in 1375 he was living at his wife's manor of Scotton.

Maud de Cantilupe, by whom William had no children, subsequently married twice. Her second husband was Sir Thomas de Kydale of South Ferriby, in Lincolnshire, who was sheriff of Lincoln in 1374-75¹¹ and again in 1377-78.¹² They were married in 1379, and in October of that year received the royal pardon

¹ *C.P.R.* 1370-74, p. 163.

² *C.C.R.* 1374-77, p. 536.

³ *C.P.R.* 1370-74, p. 163.

⁴ *C.F.R.* 1369-77, p. 148.

⁵ *K.B.* 27 459, *Rex m.* 56.

⁶ See chapter VIII, below.

⁷ *C.C.R.* 1369-74, p. 252.

⁸ *Lincolnshire Pedigrees* (Harleian Soc.), i, 216.

⁹ *C.P.R.* 1367-70, pp. 39, 72.

¹⁰ *C.C.R.* 1369-74, p. 252.

¹¹ See Appendix LL, XXIX (i) (p. 141, below).

¹² *C.F.R.* 1377-83, p. 35.

for marrying without licence and were awarded assignment of Maud's dower.¹ Sir Thomas died in 1381, and in the following year his widow married Sir John Bussey of Hougham,² who was beheaded and attainted by the victorious Lancastrian party in 1399.³ Maud predeceased him, and thus did not live to see another husband die a violent death.

The lands of the young William de Cantilupe in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, and Buckinghamshire reverted to his father⁴ who, however, never obtained possession of the Yorkshire lands, which had been granted to feoffees for a term of years.⁵ The elder William did not long survive his sons, and when he died in 1377, without surviving issue, his line died with him. The Cantilupe lands were claimed by the two representatives of the elder branch of the family, Sir William de la Zouche of Haryngworth and John de Hastings, a minor, the descendants respectively of Millicent and Joan, sisters and co-heiresses of George de Cantilupe (d. 1273): they were eventually obtained by Sir William de la Zouche.⁶

2. THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE MURDER

Only the bare facts of the Cantilupe murder can be gleaned from the Lindsey peace roll. The sum of the information given by the juries in the sessions of the peace is represented by the statement that on the night of Friday, March 23rd or 30th, 1375, Sir William de Cantilupe was murdered in his room at Scotton by twelve members of his household, including his esquire, his seneschal, Maud his wife, and Agatha her maid.

The picturesque and gruesome details of the crime are supplied by the juries who made their presentments before the court of King's Bench. They tell us that William was slain while sitting on his bed in his room at night, being 'in the peace of God and the king', and that the murderers bathed his mortal wounds in water, presumably to close them up and staunch the blood; they then put the body, naked, in a sack and carried it on horseback to Grayingham, some four miles away, where they threw it out into a field, clothed it afresh in fine garments, with spurs and a belt, and left it there, in order that people passing that way and finding it, would not suspect them, but would believe the crime to have been committed by unknown men. The *coram Rege* juries give also some additional information about the accused, as that one of them was the dead man's 'botiller' and one of them his 'chamberleyn'.

¹ *C.C.R.* 1377-81, pp. 269, 395.

² *C.C.R.* 1381-85, p. 71, pardon for marrying without licence; *ibid.*, p. 185, assignment of dower.

³ He was sheriff of Lincolnshire in 1379, 1381, and 1391.

⁴ *Inquisitiones post Mortem*, 49 Edward III (Chancery File 243, no. 28); *C.C.R.* 1374-77, p. 153.

⁵ *C.F.R.* 1377-83, pp. 69, 278.

⁶ *Complete Peerage*, iii, 115.

Not only do these details afford an illuminating glimpse into the household of a wealthy country gentleman of the time, but they show, what is even more interesting, that this cold-blooded crime was no ordinary murder, but a case of petty treason. A few years before, the famous statute of 1352,¹ in drawing a distinction between high treason and petty treason, had defined the latter as 'when a servant slayeth his master or a wife her husband, or when a man secular or religious slayeth his prelate to whom he oweth faith and obedience'. The terms used by the presenting juries to describe the murder, *tradiciose, false et sediciose, seditacione precogitata*, are those which it was customary to apply to treason and which, to the mediæval mind, at once conveyed that most heinous of crimes, treachery to the lord. Cases of petty treason are rarely found in fourteenth century sessions of the peace, and it is therefore particularly interesting to find as clear an example as this, which includes two out of the three types of homicide defined as petty treason by the statute.

Not the least curious point in connection with the murder is the lack of unanimity on the part of the presenting juries as to the date when it took place. It is true that the seven juries who made presentments before the justices of the peace in the summer sessions of 1375, are fairly well agreed. Five of the seven give the date as Friday after the Annunciation or before Mid-Lent, namely March 30th; the other two give it as Friday before the Annunciation, namely March 23rd. Probably this divergence is the result merely of a slip on the part either of the jury, who were muddled, or of the clerk, who was careless and wrote *ante* instead of *post*. The juries, however, who made presentments before the King's Bench at Lincoln in October, 1375, give as many as ten other dates, ranging over a period of two months, as follows:

- Tuesday before Septuagesima, February 13th.
- Tuesday after Septuagesima, February 20th.
- Friday before the first Sunday in Lent, March 9th.
- Tuesday after the first Sunday in Lent, March 13th.
- Friday after St Gregory, March 16th.
- Monday after St Gregory, March 19th.
- Saturday after the Annunciation, March 31st.
- Thursday before Passion Sunday, April 5th.
- Friday after St. Ambrose, April 6th.
- Wednesday before Palm Sunday, April 11th.

Some uncertainty might reasonably be expected on the part of men who had only memory to rely upon and who, in the case of these *coram Rege* juries, were speaking of an event which had occurred six months previously, but a difference of opinion as marked as this makes one wonder if their information on other points was equally unreliable.

¹ 25 Edward III. stat. 5, c. 2.

3. THE TRIAL

Sixteen people in all were accused of the murder, or of complicity in it, before the justices of the peace in the summer of 1375 and before the King's Bench at Lincoln in the autumn of the same year. They were Richard Gyse, the esquire, Robert Coke or Cook, the 'botiller', Robert de Cletham, the seneschal, Augustine Morpath, William or Walter Chamberleyn or Chamberleynman, John Chamberleyn or Henxteman, William de Hole or Hayle, John Barneby de Bekingham, John de Barneby or John Tayllour de Barneby, the 'chamberleyn', Henry Taskare, Augustine Forster or Forester, Augustine Warner, John Astyn, Maud de Cantilupe, her maid, Agatha Lovel or Frere, and Sir Ralph Paynel. Six of these names appear only in the *coram Rege* indictments, one only in the peace roll, the others appear in both.

Only two of these, Richard Gyse and Robert Coke, were actually condemned. They were first indicted before the justices of the peace, Gyse's name being mentioned by six and Coke's by five out of the seven juries. They were also appealed of the murder by Maud de Cantilupe in the county court of Lincoln on Monday, June 25th, 1375, before the sheriff, Sir Thomas de Kydale, and the coroners. When the King's Bench came to Lincoln both the appeal and the indictments were removed before it and, at the same time, the two men were freshly indicted by the juries who came to make presentments there. When they came up for trial, Maud, who was herself under arrest, withdrew her appeal, for which she subsequently had to pay a fine, and they were therefore acquitted on that score. They were then tried on the indictments, convicted by the trial jury, and condemned to be drawn and hanged,¹ this being the usual punishment for petty treason as distinct from ordinary felony.²

Maud de Cantilupe was indicted by some juries as a principal and by others as an accessory and was tried on both charges before the King's Bench at Lincoln. She was acquitted of the murder and of aiding and abetting Gyse and Coke and was released under mainprise until the other principals should have been convicted or outlawed.³ One of her mainperners on this occasion was Sir Thomas de Kydale, the sheriff of Lincoln, whom she afterwards married. When she appeared before the King's Bench at Westminster in Michaelmas term, 1376, the rest of the accused had been outlawed and she was acquitted of aiding and abetting them.⁴

¹ Appendix LL, XXIX (i) (p. 142, below).

² Edward III's statute does not mention the punishment, but according to Blackstone (*Comm.* iv, 204) 'the punishment of petit treason in a man is to be drawn and hanged, in a woman to be drawn and burnt'.

³ At a later date, in cases of petty treason, 'accessories before and after were all principals', Stephen, *History of the Criminal Law of England* iii, 34.

⁴ Appendix LL, XXIX (ii) (p. 143, below).

Robert de Cletham, the seneschal, was indicted before the King's Bench of the murder, before the justices of the peace merely of aiding and abetting. He, like Maud, was tried before the King's Bench at Lincoln, and, like her, was acquitted of the murder and of aiding and abetting Gyse and Coke, who had already been convicted. He was then released under mainprise until Michaelmas term of the following year, when he appeared at Westminster and was acquitted of aiding and abetting the others, who had meanwhile been outlawed.¹

Sir Ralph Paynel's trial lasted longer than any of the others. He was indicted before the King's Bench at Lincoln of harbouring Maud de Cantilupe, Richard Gyse, and Agatha, in his house at Caythorpe, knowing them to be guilty of the murder or of complicity in it. He was dismissed under mainprise until Michaelmas term of the following year, but was not finally tried until Easter term, 1377, when he was acquitted by a jury at *Nisi Prius*.²

A certain amount of mystery surrounds Agatha, Maud de Cantilupe's maid, who was accused, with her mistress, both as principal and as accessory. The juries in the sessions of the peace refer to her merely as Agatha, the *anilla* of Maud. In some of the King's Bench presentments she appears as Agatha Lovel, in others as Agatha Frere. Like so many of the accused, she failed to appear before the court and was waived, but in her case we are given an explanation for her failure to appear. Thomas de Thornhagh and John Bate, bailiffs of Lincoln castle, were indicted before the King's Bench at Lincoln for having aided the escape from prison, on Monday, August 27th, of Agatha Lovel, imprisoned because she had been appealed in the county court of the murder of Sir William de Cantilupe and was notoriously suspect of the same.³ If Agatha was really appealed it can only have been at the suit of Maud, her late mistress, but there is no other reference to the fact in the *coram Rege* rolls. Thomas de Thornhagh was acquitted of felony but fined for negligence in connection with the escape.⁴ John Bate was eventually pardoned.⁵

Of the rest of the accused, the fate of William de Hole does not appear on the rolls. Henry Taskare, John Barneby de Bekingham, Augustine Forster, Augustine Warner, John Astyn, Augustine Morpath, John Barneby or John Tayllour of Barneby, William or Walter Chamberleyn, and John Chamberleyn or Henxteman were outlawed for failure to appear before the Bench and no further record has been found of their names, with one curious exception. This is the enrolment, on the patent roll for the year 1387, of a pardon, dated November 11th, granted 'at the supplication of

¹ Appendix LL, XXIX (iii) (p. 147, below).

² Appendix LL, XXIX (iv) (p. 149, below).

³ As far as I have been able to discover, it was rare for a woman to be appealed: I can find no other recorded instance, and the ordinary law books offer no information on the subject.

⁴ Appendix LL, XXIX (v) (a) (p. 151, below).

⁵ Appendix LL, XXIX (v) (b) (p. 152, below).

queen Anne, to John Tailour of Barneby for the death of William de Cauntelieu, knight, killed before Easter, 9 Richard II'.¹ The issue of a royal pardon so many years after the event and to apparently only one of the outlaws adds yet another element of mystery to this strange episode.

When all the available information about the Cantilupe murder has been put together there are still many gaps in the story, and the central figure of the victim remains disappointingly vague and shadowy. In particular one would give much to know the motive of the crime, and some speculation on this point, though it cannot be anything but tentative, seems legitimate in a concluding paragraph. The story as told by the presenting juries affords no clue, but some of the facts revealed by the printed records, when taken together with the events of the trial, appear to have a certain significance.

From 1374 to 1375 Sir Thomas de Kydale was sheriff of Lincoln. It was thus before him in the county court that Maud de Cantilupe appealed Richard Gyse and Robert Coke, it was he who was responsible for summoning the trial juries to Lincoln when the King's Bench sat there at Michaelmas, and he acted as one of Maud's mainpernors during her trial. Kydale was succeeded as sheriff in October, 1375, by Roger Beler,² but during the year 1376-77 the sheriff was Sir Ralph Paynel, who, nine years before, had been involved in a serious quarrel with the younger Nicholas de Cantilupe and who was acquitted actually during his tenure of office of complicity in William de Cantilupe's death. In November, 1377, Sir Thomas de Kydale was once more appointed sheriff, and two years later, in 1379, he married Maud de Cantilupe. For the greater part of three years these two men must have practically controlled the affairs of Lincolnshire, and if, as would seem to have been the case, they were both interested in procuring the death of William de Cantilupe, the one because he wanted to marry his wife, the other in order to pay off old scores, they were admirably placed to do so. Is it not at least a plausible hypothesis that Maud de Cantilupe planned the murder with the cognisance of her lover, Kydale, and of her husband's enemy, Paynel, and bribed the members of the household to perform the deed; that, in order to divert suspicion from herself, she subsequently appealed two of them; that Kydale used his influence as sheriff to secure her acquittal by the juries whom he summoned to Lincoln in October, 1375; and that Paynel, in the same way, suborned the juries which acquitted Maud as an accessory at Westminster in 1376 and himself at Lincoln before the justices of *Nisi Prius* in 1377? It will probably never be known if there is any truth in this suggestion as to the motive for the crime, but it seems at least to meet the facts of the case as far as they can be ascertained, and it is therefore set down here for what it is worth.

¹ *C.P.R.* 1385-89, p. 368.

² *C.F.R.* 1369-77, p. 296; *List of Sheriffs*.

Nicholas de Cantilupe—Eustacia d. and h. of Ralph FitzHugh of Greasley, etc.
d. 7

Sir William de Cantilupe—Eva d. and coh. of Adam de Bolby

Sir William de Cantilupe, d. 1321, s.p. — Tiphaine (1) — Sir Nicholas de Cantilupe, = (2) Joan w. of Sir William de Kyne, d. 1355

Sir William de Cantilupe, = Joan d. of Sir Adam de Welle d. 1377

Sir John Auncell (2) — Katherine — (1) Sir Nicholas de Cantilupe, Sir William de Cantilupe (1), = Maud, d. and h. of = (2) Sir Thomas de Kydale, d. 1370-71, s.p., v.p. d. 1381
d. 1375, s.p., v.p. Sir Philip de Nevil of Scotton, etc. (3) Sir John Bussey, d. 1399

VIII

PEOPLE IN THE LINCOLNSHIRE RECORDS

The characters who figure in the Lincolnshire records fall into two main classes. There is, first, the group from whom the justices of the peace were drawn, nobles and country gentry like the Cantilupes, whose names occur constantly on the parliament rolls, the calendars of close and patent rolls and other published documents, and whose pedigrees and public careers may be studied by anyone with the time and patience to search the considerable quantity of available material. These men filled all the important administrative posts of the shire and were at the same time in close and constant touch with the central government, sometimes even in personal attendance at court. It was through them that the king was able to keep in touch with the mass of his subjects. Some of them, of course, had lands in many different counties and occupied many important posts, so that their knowledge of local conditions in any one district cannot have been profound; but it is rare to find one of them appointed to office in a locality with which he or his family had not some connection. In any case, he would always be associated with lesser men whose interests were more purely local than his own. The group which governed the affairs of Lincolnshire and the adjacent counties at the end of the fourteenth century was not large, even when due allowance is made for the smallness of the medieval population,¹ for the same men served again and again as justices and commissioners of various kinds, sheriffs, escheators, and knights of the shire. They must all have been known to one another, for, apart from their association in public business, many of them were connected by marriage, and the records show them constantly witnessing each other's wills and charters, going bail for each other, and, not infrequently, conducting law-suits against each other.

The second group consists of the ordinary folk, the lesser local officials, such as constables, bailiffs, and reeves, who did much of the actual work of administration for the great men; the well-to-do freeholders and householders from whom juries in the sessions of the peace were mainly drawn; and the small tradesmen and craftsmen, country parsons, monks and peasants with whom the majority of cases presented at the sessions were concerned:

Baxsteres and brewesteres and bocheres manye,
 Wollewebsteres and weueres of lynnyn,
 Tailours and tynkeres and tolleres in marketes,
 Masons and mynours and many other craftes.²

¹ Gasquet estimates the population of England and Wales in 1377 at about 2,350,000, as against four or five millions before the plague. *The Black Death of 1348 and 1349*, p. 225. Later estimates put it at a higher figure, e.g. A. E. Levett, *The Black Death on the Estates of the See of Winchester*, *Oxford Studies in Social and Legal History*, vol. v.

² Piers the Plowman, ProL., 216-23 (B version).

The histories of these people, their very names, in fact, are to be found, as a rule, only in such local records as happen to have been preserved in private collections or in the archives of the central government.

This chapter represents an attempt, first, to put together such personal facts about the Lincolnshire justices of the peace as have been revealed by a necessarily incomplete study of some of the published records, with a view to illustrating what manner of men they were and what kind of public duties they were called upon to fill;¹ and, secondly, by an examination of the peace rolls, to discover something about the names and occupations of the lesser folk.

I. THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Before proceeding to discussion of individuals, a further classification is necessary. The personnel of the fourteenth and fifteenth century commissions of the peace formed, almost invariably, three separate groups. At the head of each commission occurred the names of two or three great men who were often members of commissions in many different counties at the same time. Many of them never attended the sessions in person, and even if they did so, they were not paid a salary, as were the other members of the commission who sat.² Secondly, came the 'men of law', judges or serjeants of the central courts, usually two or three in number, from whom, at this period, the members of the *quorum* were drawn. The third, and much the largest group, consisted of the ordinary country gentry, some of whom would seem to have been always present at the sessions, and upon whom, in this, as in other respects, fell the main brunt of the work.

The members of the various commissions for the period of the five Lincolnshire peace rolls have been grouped according to this classification upon the accompanying tables: the tables show, also, the commissions of which each one was a member. The list contains six magnates, seven lawyers, and twenty-seven country gentlemen.

*Magnates*³: Nothing need be said here of the first and greatest member of this group. Owing to his absence from England between

¹ It would have been impossible to make this study of personnel an exhaustive one. I have, for the most part, drawn my information from such obvious and accessible sources as Dugdale's *Baronage*, Foss's *Judges of England*, the list of justices of labourers printed by Miss Putnam (*Stat. of Labourers*, App., pp. 44-138), and other printed lists and calendars.

² The statute of 1390 (14 Richard II, c. 11), which laid down that no duke, earl, baron, or banneret should be paid wages as a justice of the peace, was almost certainly a confirmation of existing practice, not an innovation.

³ I include under this heading those who received, or whose ancestors had received, a personal summons to parliament, and who would, according to modern doctrine, be considered holders of a barony by writ.

1370 and 1376.¹ John of Gaunt cannot have attended the sessions of the peace in any of the counties to which he was appointed during these years.² The presence of his name on the Lincolnshire commissions of 1368 and 1371 is probably explained by the fact that much of Lincolnshire, including the honour of Bolingbroke, formed part of the lands which were later to be known as the Duchy of Lancaster, and which had already 'become united in the hands of John of Gaunt and were being welded together by an unified management and control'.³ Several of the men to be mentioned below were connected in some way with the administration of these great possessions.

The earl of Angus, on the other hand, may well have sat in person on occasion. He had inherited lands in Lincolnshire from his mother's brother, William de Kyme,⁴ and from 1350 until his death in 1381 he was a member of many commissions of the peace, of array, and of sewers in Kesteven.⁵ He was removed for a time from the Kesteven commission of the peace in December, 1370, on the grounds that he was to be 'charged by the king with other matters touching him and the realm',⁶ but in December, 1372, he was appointed *custos rotulorum*, a fact which argues that his post was not intended to be a sinecure.

Sir Ralph Basset of Sapcote, Leicestershire, became Lord Basset, according to modern doctrine, by virtue of a summons to the parliaments of January, 1371, and October, 1372,⁷ but when he died, in 1378, leaving only daughters, the barony fell into abeyance. His connection with Lincolnshire began in 1369, when, on the death of his cousin, Robert Colvill, he became lord of Castle Bytham and its appendant manors. He seems thereafter to have lived at Castle Bytham in preference to Sapcote, and he was certainly buried there.⁸ He saw much service abroad, fought at Crécy, and went to France with the duke of Lancaster in 1372, so that it was only during the last few years of his life that he was appointed to Leicestershire and Lincolnshire commissions of the peace. According to the session headings of roll K, he presided at the sessions held at Grantham in 1371.

Sir Ralph de Cromwell was the son of Ralph Cromwell of Cromwell, in Nottingham, and West Hallam, in Derbyshire, and became lord of the manor of Tattershall by his marriage to Maud, sister and heiress of Sir William Bernake.⁹ He seems also to have held lands of John of Gaunt in the honour of Tickhill.¹⁰ He became

¹ See above, chapter I, p. xv.

² He was a justice of the peace in five different counties in 1371.

³ Sydney Armitage Smith, *John of Gaunt's Register* (Camden Society), Introd., p. xi.

⁴ Dugdale, *Baronage* i, 504.

⁵ C.P.R.

⁶ C.C.R. 1370-74, p. 35.

⁷ *Complete Peerage*, ii, *sub nomine*.

⁸ *Ibid.*

⁹ *Complete Peerage*, iii, *sub nomine*.

¹⁰ *Gaunt's Register*, no. 1300.

Lord Cromwell by receiving a summons to parliament from 1375 onwards. In 1373 he was retained by indenture to serve the king with twenty men-at-arms and twenty archers; and in 1386 he was a banneret. From 1371 he was a member of commissions of the peace, of array, and of sewers in Lindsey.¹ He died in 1398.

Sir Andrew Luttrell, or Luttrell, of Irnham (Lord Luttrell), had lands in both Leicestershire and Lincolnshire, and in the intervals of service in France and Scotland² served on various commissions in Lincolnshire. He was a member of practically every commission of the peace in Kesteven from 1366 until his death,³ and presided at the Corby sessions in 1371. He died in 1390 and was buried at Irnham.⁴ His first wife was the daughter of Sir Geoffrey Scrope, chief justice of the King's Bench, his second, the daughter of Sir Philip le Despenser. He is to be distinguished from another Sir Andrew Luttrell, who married Elizabeth de Vere, daughter of the earl of Devon,⁵ and died in 1381.

Sir Robert de Willoughby (Lord Willoughby de Eresby) held many Lincolnshire manors, as well as lands in the counties of Northampton, Norfolk, Derby, and Cambridge.⁶ He was only twenty-three in 1373, when he was appointed 'chief keeper and justice' of the Lindsey commission of the peace.⁷ In the same year he was retained by indenture to serve the king with thirty men-at-arms and thirty archers, and went to France under the duke of Lancaster.⁸ Thenceforward he was on many commissions of the peace, of array, and of sewers in Lincolnshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk. He went to Spain with the duke in 1387, and died in August, 1397, leaving five sons. His will contains the following instructions:

My body to be buried in the Chapel of the Holy Trinity of my Chapel of Spillesby. I will that the master of the said chantry, being parish priest of Spillesby, shall have my best horse and my best saddle for a mortuary, and in satisfaction of my tithes and obligations forgotten or negligently paid by me and my officers.⁹

Men of law: Sir Henry Asty, the *custos rotulorum* on the Holland commission of 1368, appears on commissions of the peace and of sewers in Holland from 1364.¹⁰ He was not, apparently, a serjeant-at-law, and seems to have held no important legal post outside his own county until he was appointed chief baron of the exchequer in November, 1375. He remained at the exchequer until December, 1380, when he was succeeded as chief baron by Robert Plessington, but acted as a justice of Common Pleas until the early part of 1383.¹¹ From the time of his elevation to the Bench he was a justice of the peace in Kent, Surrey, and Sussex as well as in Holland and Kesteven.¹²

¹ C.P.R. ² Complete Peerage, iii, *sub nomine*. ³ C.P.R.

⁴ Cal. Linc. Wills, vol. 1.

⁵ C.C.R. 1360-64, p. 197.

⁶ C.F.R. 1369-77, p. 200.

⁷ See above, chapter III, p. xxv.

⁸ Dugdale Baronage ii, 84.

⁹ Testamenta Vetusta, p. 136.

¹⁰ C.P.R.

¹¹ Foss iv, *sub nomine*.

¹² C.P.R.

Sir John Cavendish, chief justice of the King's Bench from July, 1372, until his death in 1381, is well known to every student of history as one of the victims of the rebels during the Great Revolt.¹ Students of the Year Books may remember him in a pleasanter connection, as the author of a famous remark during a discussion in court as to the age of a certain lady :

Il n'ad nul homme en Engleterre que puy adjudge a droit deins age ou de plein age : car ascun femmes que sont de xxx ans voilent apperer d'age de xviii ans. (There is no man in England who can rightly judge whether a woman be under age or of full age ; for all women of thirty years would like to appear eighteen.)²

Though his own county was Suffolk, Cavendish served on innumerable judicial commissions, especially of the peace and of Gaol Delivery, in Lincolnshire as in other eastern counties throughout the 'sixties and 'seventies.³ In his will made at Bury St Edmunds the year before his death, he ordered : ' My body to be buried in the Church of Cavendish, near the body of Alice, my late wife.'⁴

Sir Thomas de Ingelby, of Ripley, in Yorkshire, was a judge of the King's Bench from 1361 until his death in 1378.⁵ During most of the last sixteen years of Edward's reign he was the only judge there in addition to the chief justice.⁶ This explains his constant association with Cavendish on many commissions during the last decade of the reign. To give only a few instances, they delivered Lincoln gaol together eight times between 1367 and 1373,⁷ and composed the quorum of many Lincolnshire commissions of the peace between 1368 and 1375. In view of their many duties, however, it seems highly improbable that either of them actually attended the sessions of the peace at this period.⁸

Roger de Meres, who was made a king's serjeant in 1366 and a justice of the Common Pleas in November, 1371, has been proved by Foss to have been the same person as Roger de Kirketon of the Year Books, using the latter name occasionally because he had property at Kirton in Holland. Foss's⁹ arguments are supported by many references on the close and patent rolls to ' Roger de Meres of Kirkton in Holland '. Meres was a justice of the peace in Holland from 1356 until the end of the reign. In 1368 he was appointed to commissions of the peace in many other eastern

¹ The most vivid account of his death is that given by Prof. G. M. Trevelyan, *England in the Age of Wycliffe*, p. 217.

² Foss, iv, quoting Y.B. 50 Edward III, f. 6, pl. 12. The translation is that of the present writer.

³ C.P.R.

⁴ *Testamenta Vetusta*, p. 110.

⁵ He must still have been alive in July, 1378, when he was appointed to the commission of the peace for the East Riding. C.P.R. 1377-81, p. 301.

⁶ Foss, iv, *sub nomine*.

⁷ J.I. 3/157, 159, 162, 167.

⁸ Both Cavendish and Ingelby were justices of the peace in ten different counties in 1368. Ingelby, however, attended at least one Lindsey session in 1361, see above, chapter II, 2, p. xviii.

⁹ Foss, iii, *sub nomine*.

counties—Bedford, Buckingham, Huntingdon, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridge. In 1375 he seems to have been transferred to the north, and appears on commissions for Yorkshire, Northumberland, and Cumberland, but in 1377 he was a justice of the peace in Worcestershire and Staffordshire. He died in 1386.¹

Sir John Moubray's career belongs mainly to the middle years of Edward III's reign. He first appeared as a pleader in the courts in 1343, was a serjeant in 1354, and a justice of the Common Pleas from 1359 until 1373.² During the 'fifties' he was on many judicial commissions in Yorkshire, but from 1368 to 1373 he was mostly in the western counties.³ He does not seem to have served on any Lincolnshire commissions of the peace later than that of 1359, of which he and Ingelby composed the quorum.

Thomas Pynchebeck, the founder of the family of Pinchbeck, of Hagbech Hall, Whaplode,⁴ served on commissions of the peace and of sewers in Holland and Kesteven from 1366, but does not seem to have reached great prominence outside his own county until his appointment as chief baron of the exchequer in April, 1388. He evidently lived to enjoy this position for only a year, for his successor was appointed in May, 1389.⁵

William de Wichingham was made king's serjeant in 1362 and was a justice of the Common Pleas from October, 1365, until the end of Edward's reign.⁶ He came from Norfolk, and from 1358 to 1368 served mainly on commissions in the eastern counties. Between 1368 and 1374 he was a justice of the peace in Hampshire, Wiltshire, Somerset, and Devon, but in February, 1375, he was again appointed to commissions of the peace in Northampton, Lincoln, Derby, Leicester, Norfolk, and Warwick.⁷ Among his other activities may be mentioned the delivery of Lincoln gaol in March, 1375.⁸

Gentry: The amount of information available for a study of the lesser country gentry varies greatly in different cases. About the career of John de Alkebarowe the only facts that have been ascertained are that he held lands at Pinchbeck⁹; that he was a justice of the peace in Lindsey between 1354 and 1358,¹⁰ and a collector of taxes in Holland in 1377, 1382, and 1384¹¹; and that in 1370 he received a licence to ship corn from Holland to London.¹¹ The exact date of his death does not appear, but he was still alive in 1388.

Randolf Bolle has proved even more elusive. He seems to have held land at Swineshead and Gosberton in 1360 and to have acted as assessor of taxes in Holland in 1379: this post and his association to the Holland commission of the peace in 1369

¹ *C.P.R.*² Foss, iii, *sub nomine*.³ *C.P.R.*⁴ *L.P.*, iii, 783.⁵ Foss, iv, *sub nomine*.⁶ *Ibid.* iii, *sub nomine*.⁷ *C.P.R.*⁸ *J.L.* 3/162.⁹ *C.C.R.* 1374-77, p. 62.¹⁰ *C.P.R.*¹¹ *C.F.R.*

apparently represent the sum total of his public services, a fact which is, perhaps, explained by his exemption, in 1373, from serving on assizes, juries, and recognisances, and from being appointed mayor, sheriff, escheator, coroner, etc.¹

Sir John de Boys was more prominent. He was sheriff of Lincoln in 1360²; a member of commissions of the peace, of sewers and of array in Lindsey during the last twenty years of Edward's reign³; and a knight of the shire in the parliament of 1380.⁴ He must have died very shortly afterwards, for a writ of August 6th, 1380, refers to John de Boys, recently a justice in Lincolnshire, 'now deceased'.⁵

Thomas Claymond had lands in Lincolnshire, Nottingham, and Derby. He had not acted as justice of the peace before his association to the Kesteven commission in 1370. From 1375 until 1395 he sat on many commissions of the peace, of array, and of sewers in Kesteven, and upon similar commissions in Holland.⁶ From May to October, 1385, he was sheriff of Lincoln, in succession to William de Spayne, who died in the middle of his term of office.⁷ Claymond himself died some time before February, 1397.

The name of Sir John Dymoke of Scrivelsby, *iure uxoris* champion of England,⁸ will be known to most readers. He entered the service of the duke of Lancaster in 1372, agreeing to serve him 'pur pees et pur guere a terme de vie (in peace and war for the term of his life),' in return for a fee of twenty marks a year, paid in half-yearly instalments and charged on the revenues of the honour of Bolingbroke.⁹ He was knighted in 1373; was a knight of the shire in the parliaments of 1372, 1373, and 1377¹⁰; served as escheator of Lincoln from November, 1375, till February, 1377¹¹; and was a member of every commission of the peace in Lindsey from 1368 until his death in 1381.¹²

Sir Godfrey Foljeaumbe, of Derbyshire, was also prominent in the service of the duke of Lancaster, as steward and constable for Newcastle-under-Lyme, steward for the counties of Derby, Stafford, and Warwick,¹³ and, possibly, also chief steward for Lincolnshire.¹⁴ He was a knight of the shire for Derbyshire in several parliaments, served on practically all the commissions of the peace in Derby and Lancaster between 1356 and 1376, and occasionally on commissions of the peace and of sewers in Lincolnshire.¹⁵ He died early in 1376, and on July 17th, 1378, his son

¹ *C.P.R.*² *List of Sheriffs.*³ *C.P.R.*⁴ *Memb. of Parl.*⁵ *C.C.R.* 1377-81, p. 403.⁶ *C.P.R.*⁷ *List of Sheriffs.*

⁸ *D.N.B.*, *sub nomine*; *L.P.*, iv, 1202. For Dymoke's assertion of his claim to be champion at the coronation of Richard II, see *C.C.R.* 1377-81, p. 4.

⁹ *Gaunt's Register*, no. 937.¹⁰ *Memb. of Parl.*¹¹ *P.R.O.* list of escheators.¹² *C.P.R.*¹³ *Gaunt's Register*, *passim*.¹⁴ *Ibid.*, *Introd.*, p. xiv.¹⁵ *C.P.R.*

and executor, Thomas, 'delivered in chancery with his own hands a bag containing rolls, records and process of Godfrey's sessions in Lancashire, some determined . . . and some not determined'.¹

John Gaunt, of Binbrook, probably had some legal training, for he acted as the king's attorney in the court of Common Pleas.² In 1357 he was granted the reversion of the office of usher of the exchequer, held as a serjeanty in chief.³ He was justice of labourers, justice of the peace, and commissioner of sewers in Lindsey during the 'fifties, but does not appear on any commissions after that of 1359.⁴ His son, John, died while a minor in the king's ward before October, 1369, leaving his father's three sisters as co-heiresses.⁵

Nicholas Hatelyf's public posts seem to have been confined to those of justice of the peace and commissioner of sewers in Lindsey between 1373 and 1381,⁶ and tax-assessor in 1379.⁷ After 1381 his name does not appear on commissions, but he was alive in 1382.

John Hode of Flete filled similar posts in Holland between 1360 and 1385, and was sheriff of Lincolnshire for the year 1373-4.⁸ On at least two occasions he acted as attorney for John de Multon during the latter's absence abroad, and in 1367 he himself received licence to cross the sea from Dover, with what purpose is not stated.⁹

William de Huntingfeld, *custos rotulorum* of the Holland commission of 1375, seems to have taken his name from a manor in Suffolk which he held for life,¹⁰ but he also had lands in the counties of Norfolk, Essex, Lincoln, and Cambridge.¹¹ From 1354 to 1375 he served on commissions of the peace and of sewers in Holland, but died before the end of 1376.¹²

Richard de la Launde of Gosberton, the founder of a distinguished family,¹³ was old enough to act as attorney in 1366, and thenceforward until the close of the century was on many commissions of the peace, of array, and of sewers in Holland. The last commission of the peace to which he was appointed was that of February, 1398, and in May of the same year John Belle was appointed in his place.¹⁴ which suggests that de la Launde died at about that time. His name does not appear thereafter on the close and patent rolls.

Thomas Lovelaunce or Lovelaunce is one of those about whom nothing has been discovered, apart from the fact that he acted as

¹ *C.C.R.* 1377-81, p. 205. The Foljeaumbre rolls were among those found by Miss Putnam in the 'Ancient Indictments' class, see *E.H.R.* xxix, 493-4.

² *C.C.R.* 1354-60; *C.P.R.* 1354-8.

³ *C.P.R.* 1354-8, p. 583.

⁴ *C.P.R.* ⁵ *C.F.R.* 1369-77, p. 30.

⁶ *C.P.R.*

⁷ *C.F.R.*

⁸ *List of Sheriffs.*

⁹ *C.P.R.*

¹⁰ *C.C.R.*

¹¹ *C.F.R.*

¹² *C.P.R.*

¹³ See *L.P.*, iv, 1192.

¹⁴ *C.P.R.*

justice of the peace and of labourers¹ and as commissioner of sewers in Lindsey during the 'fifties. He seems to have died about 1361, after which date his name does not appear.²

Sir William Marmyon, of Keisby, Lenton, and Sempringham, was a knight of the shire in 1364-5 and 1372,³ and between 1362 and 1380 was on several Kesteven commissions of the peace and of array. In December, 1370, he was removed from the commission of the peace 'for certain causes propounded before the king and council,'⁴ but was reappointed in May, 1371, only to be discharged once more in November, 1372, possibly on account of his parliamentary duties. He was appointed a justice of the peace for the last time in January, 1379, but lived until 1393.⁵

Sir John de Multon saw a good deal of foreign service during the early part of his career; in 1367 he had licence to go to 'le Pruce'⁶; in December, 1370, he went abroad 'to stay there on the king's service'; and in June of the following year he went to sea in the company of the earl of Hereford.⁷ In 1375 he was rewarded for his good service by a grant for life of one hundred marks a year from the issues of the county of Lincoln.⁸ He does not seem to have been a justice of the peace after December, 1375, but served on several commissions of array, and was a knight of the shire in 1373, 1383, and 1384.⁹ He died in 1388.¹⁰

John Poucher, or Pouger, of West and Middle Rasen, had an active career as sheriff of Lincoln in 1379-80 and 1380-83,¹¹ escheator for Lincolnshire from November, 1377, to November, 1379,¹² and a member of commissions of the peace and of array in Lindsey between 1372 and 1394.¹³

John de Repynghale of Catworth was a member of a family which, for several generations, was to play an active part in the local government of Kesteven.¹⁴ He was a justice of the peace there throughout the 'sixties, but was removed from the commission in December, 1370, 'for certain causes propounded before the king and council'.¹⁵ He also had connections with neighbouring counties, acting as escheator in Cambridge and Huntingdon in 1379-80.¹⁶ He was dead by 1381, but his son, John 'the younger' was on many Kesteven commissions between 1377 and 1407.¹⁷

Robert de Roos of Gedney was evidently a retainer of the duke of Lancaster and seems to have been mayor of Bordeaux

¹ See L 19 for a reference to Thomas Levelaunce, 'lately a justice of the statute of labourers'. See also Miss Putnam, *Enforcement of the Statutes of Labourers*, App. p. 94.

² *C.P.R.*

³ *Memb. of Parl.*

⁴ *C.P.R.* 1370-74, p. 35.

⁵ *Cal. Linc. Wills* i (probate).

⁶ *C.P.R.* 1367-70.

⁷ *C.P.R.* 1370-74.

⁸ *C.P.R.* 1374-77, p. 92.

⁹ *Memb. of Parl.*

¹⁰ *Cal. Linc. Wills*, i (probate).

¹¹ *List of Sheriffs*.

¹² P.R.O. list of escheators.

¹³ *C.P.R.*

¹⁴ See above, chapter IV, p. xxxix.

¹⁵ *C.P.R.* 1370-74, p. 35.

¹⁶ P.R.O. list of escheators.

¹⁷ *C.P.R.*

between 1372 and 1376.¹ He acted as attorney for the younger Sir William de Cantilupe in 1367, and between 1375 and 1380 was a justice of the peace and commissioner of array and of sewers in Holland and Kesteven.² He died before February, 1382, leaving his brother, Nicholas, as his heir.³

Richard de Salteby, who held lands in socage at Grantham 'by fealty and the service of a single visit to the court of Grantham',⁴ served on the Kesteven commissions of the peace and array between 1366 and 1369, and died before October, 1369.

Simon or Simkin Simeon was the duke of Lancaster's steward for Lincolnshire.⁵ He evidently saw military service during the earlier part of his career, for in 1360 he received a general pardon, 'for good service done in the wars of France and elsewhere'.⁶ He was a justice of the peace and of labourers in Holland in the 'fifties, and a member of many commissions of sewers and of array there during the next two decades: from March to July, 1371, he was also on the commission of the peace for Lindsey. He died in 1387.

Ralph de Skipwith, lord of the manor of Haburgh, was a son of John Skipwith and a first cousin of Sir William Skipwith of South Ormesby, the judge.⁷ The Lindsey commissions of the peace of 1371 and 1375 are the only ones upon which his name appears. He died before March, 1395, leaving a son, William.

William de Spayne, or Spaigne,⁸ was one of the duke of Lancaster's most important retainers, feodar of the counties of Lincoln and Nottingham.⁹ He was mayor of the staple at Lincoln¹⁰; collector of customs in Boston between 1367 and 1382¹¹; justice of the peace and commissioner of sewers in Holland at various times during the 'sixties and 'seventies; and a knight of the shire in 1380 and 1382.¹² He was sheriff of Lincoln in 1378-9, and again in 1384-5, but died in the middle of this second term of office, and was succeeded by Thomas Claymond.¹³

William de Stayn and William de Surflet both seem to have died in 1371, or very shortly after. The former was several times justice of the peace and commissioner of sewers in Lindsey, the latter filled similar posts in Holland, where he also acted as a subsidy collector in 1357 and 1358.¹⁴

Sir William de Thorp was the brother and heir of Robert de Thorp, the chancellor, who died in 1372.¹⁵ He had lands in Cambridge and Northampton as well as in Lincoln, and was appointed steward of Rockingham castle and forest in 1378.¹⁶ He served as a member of commissions of the peace and of sewers in these three

¹ *Gaunt's Register*, nos. 9, 378, 948, 1261, 1808.

² *C.P.R.* ³ *C.F.R.* ⁴ *C.F.R.* 1369-77, p. 58.

⁵ *Gaunt's Register*, passim. ⁶ *C.P.R.* 1358-61, p. 431.

⁷ *L.P.*, vol. 3, p. 890.

⁸ See above, chapter VI, p. lxiv.

⁹ *Gaunt's Register*, passim. ¹⁰ *C.P.R.* ¹¹ *C.F.R.*

¹² *Memb. of Parl.* ¹³ *List of Sheriffs*.

¹⁴ *C.P.R.*; *C.F.R.* ¹⁵ *C.F.R.* ¹⁶ *C.F.R.* 1377-83, p. 109.

counties and he, or someone of the same name, represented Grimsby in the parliament of 1376.¹ He died between February and April, 1391.²

Roger Toup of Algarkirk was the duke of Lancaster's seneschal for Boston³ and for the county of Lincoln.⁴ He also acted as the duke's attorney in the court of Common Pleas, in return for a salary of one hundred shillings a year.⁵ He served on various commissions in Holland between 1367 and 1384, and was escheator for Lincolnshire from December, 1383, to January, 1384.⁶ His tenure of office was probably terminated by his death, for his name does not appear after this date.

William de Wyome or Wyhum, of Gosberton, was one of the coroners of Lincolnshire for a time, but was removed from office in October, 1375, because insufficiently qualified.⁷ During the 'seventies and early 'eighties he was justice of the peace and commissioner of sewers and of array in Holland. His name does not appear after 1385.

Thomas de Wythornwyk was closely connected with the East Riding of Yorkshire as well as with Lindsey, and was appointed escheator for Holderness in October, 1361.⁸ He served on a number of the usual commissions in both counties, and died between July and December, 1376, when Nicholas Hatclyf took his place on the Lindsey commission of the peace.⁹

2. THE ORDINARY FOLK

Their names : An intensive study of the surnames of the jurors and of the people mentioned in their presentments calls for an expert knowledge which the present writer does not possess. All that can be attempted here is to extract a certain amount of information from a hasty survey of some of the names in the rolls.¹⁰

By the latter part of the fourteenth century the surnames of the great had become well established, but those of the lesser folk were still in a state of transition. A good many people undoubtedly already had hereditary surnames, but it is often impossible to tell whether the names in the peace rolls are surnames in the modern sense of the word, or merely personal descriptions which would not necessarily be handed on to the descendants of the person to whom they were applied. This uncertainty becomes greater as we move down the social scale, and it is especially marked

¹ *Memb. of Parl.*

² *C.P.R.*

³ *Gaunt's Register*, no. 392.

⁴ *Ibid.*, nos. 1174, 1273.

⁵ *Ibid.*, no. 1420.

⁶ P.R.O. list of escheators.

⁷ *C.C.R.* 1374-77, p. 161.

⁸ P.R.O. list of escheators.

⁹ *C.P.R.*

¹⁰ I have tried to follow out the suggestions for such a study made by Mr G. J. Turner in the introduction to his *Feet of Fines in Huntingdonshire*, and by Professor F. M. Stenton in his chapter in *Introduction to the Survey of English Place-Names*, Part I, pp. 165-189.

where the names are obviously derived from an occupation or trade. For instance, is 'Robert Tayllour' (LL 2) himself a tailor by profession, or has he inherited the name from an ancestor who was? The rolls abound in 'occupative' names of this kind, of which the following list gives only a few examples: John Feryman (L 6), John Lorimer (L 14), John Nethird (LL 2), John Glover (LL 16), Simon Flesshewere (LL 256), William Dyker (LL 260), Thomas Shepherde (LL 260), Henry Chapman (LL 364), John Cardemakere (LL 440), John Loksmyth (LL 440), Simon Couper¹ (LL 24), Robert Draper (KK 3), Thomas Taverner (KK 16), Alan Corneseller (H 41), Nicholas Townhyrd (H 85). Sometimes we seem to see a man's occupation actually in process of becoming his surname: 'John de Thorgamby, shepherd' (LL 353) is described elsewhere as 'John Shepherd' (LL 343); 'Gilbert Plomer' (LL 162) takes excess wages for working in lead: 'Symon Olyer' sells oil (K 16): 'Henry Souter' is described as *communis sutor* (KK 22). On the other hand, in many cases it is clear that there is no connection between a man's name and his calling, as with 'Thomas Raton, theker' (LL 223), 'John Smyth, taskere' (LL 225), and many others. Often, again, no indication is given of whether there is a connection or not.

Even more puzzling are some of the names derived from places. Of these there is a very large number in the peace rolls, especially among the lists of jurors, such as: William de Whitton (LL 1), Richard de Calesthorpe (LL 34), Richard de Haugham (LL 34), John de Limber (LL 34), Nicholas de Riseholme (LL 310). Eventually, of course, most of these places become surnames, but it is impossible to say how many of them had already become so in 1373-5. As far as it is possible to judge, the rolls bear out Mr Turner's statement that the peasantry seems to have been a somewhat stationary class and throughout the Middle Ages an English place name used as a surname is generally that of a village in the neighbourhood of the home of the person by whom it is used.²

Where a place name follows the name of a trade or an apparently hereditary surname, it undoubtedly represents the actual place of residence of the bearer, as in the case of names like 'Simon Bakere de Horncastle'. Where a man is described by two place names, as 'John de Thorlay de Barton' (LL 1), 'Thomas de Eve-thorp de Glentworth' (LL 8), or 'Thomas de Pumfrayt de Halton' (LL 27), it seems legitimate to regard the first as a hereditary surname derived from the place of family origin, the second as his own place of residence.³

Under the heading of surnames derived from places should perhaps be included those names which evidently originated from

¹ Couper = a merchant, c.f. 'horse-coper'.

² *Feet of Fines in Huntingdonshire*, Introd., p. ix.

³ *Ibid.*, p. xx.

some particular feature of the landscape or from some building ; these, by the latter part of the fourteenth century, had probably become hereditary. The rolls contain a considerable variety of them, including : William of ye both (L 18), Henry atte Brigg (L 26), Oliver and Nicholas atte Halle (LL 3, 65), John atte Kok (LL 10), Robert atte Bek (LL 20), Joan atte Flete (LL 65), John atte Kirkyate (LL 288), Simon attefendyk (LL 26), William atte Grene (LL 317), William del Fen (LL 194), John atte Gote (LL 166), John atte Chapel (LL 468), Simon atte Stanes (LL 452), Thomas atte Dale (LL 151), William del More (LL 1), John o the place (K 93), Adam Attonesende (K 115), Roger in the bern (K 159), Alice de la hostery (K 32), Thomas del Pantrye (H 61). Some of these are especially interesting geographically. 'Attefendyk' and 'del Fen', for instance, tell their own story ; 'bek' or 'beck' is, of course, the north-country word corresponding to the Scots 'burn' ; 'brigg' means bridge ; 'del More' is probably another form of the common Lincolnshire name 'de la Mawe', from 'mow', meaning a heap or mound¹ ; and 'atte Gote', from 'gote', a channel or gutter, is also typical of the county.²

Names derived from personal peculiarity or from nicknames, such as William Newecummen (L 34), John Redhed (LL 240), John Blakhate (LL 30), Ralph Hopshort (LL 34), Simon Levelaunce³ (LL 416), William Runfare⁴ (LL 35), Joan Standepert (LL 147), John Talifer (LL 10), Robert Barfote (H 46), had probably already become permanent by the time of Edward III. There are, however, one or two amusing personal nicknames : 'little Henry' (*parvus Henricus*) of Saltflethaven (LL 279), 'long John' of Lavington (K 4), 'John de Fordam called Cok de Biry' (KK 66). A few examples occur of a Christian name used as a surname, presumably, as Mr Turner says, 'the Christian name of some ancestor of the person by whom it was borne',⁵ such as Elias Fraunsays (LL 34), William Valentyn (LL 26), Simon Adrian (LL 34), Elena Martyn (LL 50).

Finally, there are fairly numerous descriptions of one man as the son of another, who sometimes is himself described as the son of a third ; these may be regarded as still in the transition stage. The rolls give us, among others : William, son of Petronilla (L 1), Henry, son of John, son of Matilda (LL 28), John, son of Walter de Wintringham (LL 1). Perhaps these were eventually to become Fitzwalters, Johnsons, and Petersons, by a process such as had already taken place with names like Simon Colynsone (L 7), John Sibilson (LL 10), Stephen Aleynson (LL 49), William

¹ Weekly, *Surnames*, p. 50.

² *Ibid.*, p. 50.

³ 'Levelaunce' and 'Talifer' or 'Taillefer' belong to the 'Shakespeare type of surname', of which there are many examples in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, *ibid.*, pp. 252-77.

⁴ Runfare = farer to Rome, i.e. one who has been on a pilgrimage.

⁵ *Op. cit.*, p. xxv.

Cissesson (LL 378), Robert Ibbotesson (LL 114), Walter Wattesson (LL 430), Roger Personson (KK 61), John Martynson (H 60).

Their occupations : Apart from the indirect and rather unsatisfactory evidence of surnames, the rolls give a good deal of information about the occupations and trades of the people concerned in the cases presented at the sessions of the peace. About the jurors, of course, we are told nothing except their names and their place of residence.

We find, for instance, a certain number of local officials, in addition to the constables, bailiffs, and sub-bailiffs to whom there is constant reference : among them are subsidy collectors, proctors of various parishes, and the 'park keeper' of Marcham (L 3). John Ammory, the seneschal of the bishop of Carlisle's manor of Horncastle¹ (LL 81-83), who was, at different times, collector of a tax² and commissioner of sewers in Lindsey³, and William de Keseby, 'keeper of the jurisdiction of Louth' (LL 198), are among the officials accused of extortion. One would like to know more about the duties of John de Gerneseye, 'late keeper of the passage of the Humber' (LL 212), John Fraunceys, 'keeper of the animals of Worlaby' (LL 349), and William de Corby, constable of Castle Bytham and 'keeper of the market of Corby' (K 83, 90).

A good many churchmen figure in the presentments, not always as the innocent parties. There are references to parsons and vicars of different churches, to chaplains and clerks, and to inmates of many of the religious houses of Lincolnshire.

Among the most interesting figures are several foreign merchants, John de Gravesmyln, an 'Esterlyng' or Hansard (LL 282), Henry of Louth, another Hansard (H 43), Peter de Skidham, a merchant of Zealand (LL 275), and the two Flemish weavers, Geoffrey Braban and Reginald Webster (LL 457), who have been discussed in an earlier chapter.⁴ Foreigners such as these, from the Empire, the Low Countries, and Scandinavia, were probably familiar figures on the narrow streets and busy quays of the flourishing east coast towns in the fourteenth century.

Since Lincolnshire was mainly an agricultural county, it is natural that a very large proportion of the ordinary people should be engaged in agricultural pursuits. There are many references to men employed in harvesting and threshing (described by the Latin terms *falcator*, *messor*, *triturator*, or by the corresponding English words 'mawere' and 'taskere'), or in the office of ploughman and carter (*carucarius et carectarius*); shepherds, however, are only mentioned a few times. Next in importance come the brewers, bakers, and tanners, who are concerned in many of the forestalling cases and other economic offences. The earlier Kesteven roll, in particular, contains a very large number of brewers and

¹ See above, chapter VI, p. lx.

² *C.F.R.*

³ *C.P.R.*

⁴ See above, chapter VI, p. lix.

ale-wives, besides merchants of Gascon wine and Rhine wine (K 49, 50), and a 'common innkeeper' (K 18), while the number of men who are 'tanners', 'souters', 'barkeres', and 'cordwaners', either by surname or by actual calling or both, is particularly noticeable. The importance of the Lincolnshire fisheries is indicated by the employment of a man *in officium piscatoris*, and by numerous references to fishermen and fishmongers.

Other trades are less well represented. Those of carpenter and thatcher ('thekere' in English, *tector* or *coopertor domorum* in Latin) not unnaturally occur the most frequently; there are scattered references to smiths, tailors, drapers, mercers, weavers, millers, masons, and locksmiths; surnames such as Smyth, Tailleur, Webster, Milner, and Loksmyth occur several times. Lastly, John Whithand, the 'tynker', and John Prat, the 'tregetour' or juggler¹ (LL 163), serve as a reminder of the many wandering folk of the roads without whom no picture of rural life in the middle ages would be complete.

TABLE I—MAGNATES

<i>Magnates</i>	<i>Lindsey Commissions</i>	<i>Kesteven Commissions</i>	<i>Holland Commissions</i>
John, duke of Lancaster	1371	1368	1368
Gilbert de Umfravill, earl of Angus	1359	1368 (removed 1370) 1372 (<i>custos rotulorum</i>)	
Ralph Basset of Sapcote		1370 (associated to commission of 1368)	
Ralph de Cromwell	1371		
Andrew Luterell		1368	
Robert de Willoughby	1372 (associated to commission of 1371 as <i>capitalis iusticiarius</i>)	1372	

¹ C.f. *Piers the Plowman*, vi, 72, 'Iakke the iogelour'; Chaucer, *The Hous of Fame*, 1277, 'Ther saugh I Colle tregetour'.

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TABLE II—MEN OF LAW

<i>Men of Law</i>	<i>Lindsey Commissions</i>	<i>Kesteven Commissions</i>	<i>Holland Commissions</i>
Sir Henry Asty		1372	1368 (<i>custas rotulorum</i>)
Sir John Cavendish	1371 (quorum)	1368 (quorum) 1372 (quorum)	1368 (quorum) 1374 (quorum)
Sir Thomas de Ingelby	1359 (fines and quorum) 1371 (quorum)	1368 (quorum) 1372 (quorum)	1368 (quorum) 1374 (quorum) 1375 (quorum)
Roger de Meres of Kirkton		1372 (quorum)	1368 (quorum)
Sir John Moubray	1359 (fines and quorum)		
Thomas de Pynchebek		1370 (associated to commission of 1368) 1372	1369 (associated to commission of 1368) 1374 1375
William de Wichingham			1375 (quorum)

TABLE III—GENTRY

<i>Gentry</i>	<i>Lindsey Commissions</i>	<i>Kesteven Commissions</i>	<i>Holland Commissions</i>
John de Alkebarowe			1369 (associated to commission of 1368)
Randolf Bolle			1369 (associated to commission of 1368)
Sir John de Boys	1371		
Thomas Claymond		1370 (associated to commission of 1368) 1372	
Sir John Dymoke	1371		
Sir Godfrey Foljeambe			1369 (associated to commission of 1368)
John Gaunt	1359		
Nicholas Hatelyf	1373 (associated to commission of 1371)		

TABLE III—GENTRY—*cont.*

<i>Gentry</i>	<i>Landsey Commissions</i>	<i>Kesteven Commissions</i>	<i>Holland Commissions</i>
John Hode of Elete			1368, 1374, 1375
William de Hunting- field			1368, 1374, 1375 (<i>sustos rotulorum</i>)
Richard de la Launde			1374
Thomas Levelance	1359		
Sir William Marmyon		1368 (removed 1370, restored 1371)	
Sir John de Multon	1373 (associated to commission of 1371)		
John Poucher	1372 (associated to commission of 1371)		
John de Repynghale		1368 (removed 1370)	
Robert de Roos		1372	
Richard de Salteby		1368	
Simon Simeon		1370 (associated to commission of 1368)	
Ralph de Skipwith	1371		
William de Spayne			1368, 1374, 1375
William de Stayn	1359		
William de Surflet			1369 (associated to commission of 1368)
Sir William de Thorp			1375
Roger Toup	1373 (associated to commission of 1371)	1373 (associated to commission of 1372)	1373 (associated to commission of 1368)
William de Wyome			1369 (associated to commission of 1368)
Thomas de Wythorn- wyk	1371		

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LINDSEY

[m. 1]

Inquisicio soke de Bolyngbrok' capta apud Partenay coram T[homa] Leuelaunce et W[illelmo] de Stayn iusticiariis domini regis de pace in partibus de Lyndesey die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni Edwardi tercij post conquestum xxxiiij^{to} per sacramentum xij etc.

1. Qui dicunt quod [cum] Alanus Bishop' de Freston' manens in Sibsey simul cum alijs voluerunt recessisse a seruicio domine Ros ante finem termini sui die Lune proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno supradicto venerunt Willelmus filius Petronille et Hugo de Orby constabularii ville de Sibsey et voluerunt eos attachiare et dictus Alanus noluit per dictos constabularios iustificari sed eis in despectu statuti domini regis fecit rescussum et est communis perturbator statuti. Qui quidem Alanus allocutus qualiter se velit acquietare de transgressione predicta posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem coram Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis per plegium Iohannis atte See de Osgodby et Iohannis Bishop de Sibsey, finem xl d. (*Marg: Finem xl d.*)

When A. B. and others wished to leave the service of the lady Ros before the end of their term, and the constables of Sibsey came to attach them, the said A. B. refused to submit to the constables and resisted them.

2. Item dicunt quod Iohannes seruiens Simonis Mareshale de Marum simul cum alijs noctanter Iohannem filium Iohannis de Estekele extra lectum suum in Estekele [cepit ?] et super hoc ipsum Iohannem verberauit et ipsum in periculo mortis dimisit die Mercurij proximo post festum sancti Petri aduineula anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxx^{mo}. Qui quidem Iohannes allocutus qualiter se velit acquietare de transgressione predicta posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem coram Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis per plegium Simonis Mareshale de Marum et Iohannis Sturmy de eadem, finem [blank]. (*Marg: Finem xl d.*)

J., the servant of S. M., and others, [took] a man from his bed at night, beat him, and left him in danger of death.

Inquisicio de soka de Horneastre capta apud Partenay coram prefatis iusticiariis die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Martini anno supradicto per sacramentum xij etc.

3. Qui dicunt quod Alanus Stodhird de Reuesby venit die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi predicti xxxiiij apud Marum et fregit communem

faldam et intrauit et tres equos abduxit precii x s. contra voluntatem indagarii dicte ville. Qui quidem Alanus venit coram Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis et posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem per plegium Roberti Warner de Kyrkby et Iohannis Warner de Ratheby, finem xij d. (*Marg: Finem xij d.*)

A. S. came to Mareham and broke into the common fold and took three horses, against the will of the park-keeper of the said town.

Inquisicio wappentaci de Hill' capta apud Partenay coram prefatis iusticiariis etc. die et anno regni regis Edwardi predictis per sacramentum xij etc.

4. Qui dicunt quod Iohannes Ward de Southormesby verberauit et malectrauit Robertum Ward de Southormesby die sancte Margarete virginis apud Southormesby anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxiiij^o. Qui quidem Iohannes coram prefatis iusticiariis allocutus qualiter se velit de transgressione predicta acquietare posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem per plegium Thome Kawe de Ormesby et Radulfi Ward de eadem, finem [blank]. (*Marg: Finem ij s.*)

Inquisicio wappentaci de Wraghowe capta apud Wragby die Mercurii in festo sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxiiij^{to} coram prefatis iusticiariis per sacramentum etc.

5. Qui dicunt quod Willelmus rector ecclesie de Estbarkworth detinuit quandam Simonem Mariot legetime conductum ad seruiendum Iohanni de Benyngworth de Haynton in officio carucarii et adiudicatum eidem Iohanni per xij iuratores coram capitalibus constabulariis wappentaci predicti die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Martini predicti anno regni regis Edwardi predicti xxxiiij^o et adhuc detinet contra statutum et pacem domini regis.

The rector of East Barkwith detains [in his own service] one S. M., who was legally hired to work for J. de B. as ploughman and allotted to the said J. by a jury in the presence of the chief constables of the wapentake.

6. Item dicunt quod predictus dominus Willelmus die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Thome Martiris anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxij^o insultum fecit Iohanni Feryman de Estbarkworth et eundem cum quodam gladio et furca ferrea malectrauit verberauit et vulnerauit contra pacem domini regis. Qui quidem Willelmus coram prefatis iusticiariis allocutus qualiter se velit de transgressione predicta acquietare posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem coram Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis per plegium Roberti de Horkestowe de Lincoln' et Rogeri de Brynkil' de eadem, finem dimidie marce. (*Marg: Finem dimidie marce.*)

7. Item dicunt quod Ricardus filius Iohannis Bret iunior de Wrangle die Dominica proxima ante festum sancti Petri in cathedra anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxv^{to} insultum fecit Iohanni Baldewyn de Wrangle in campo de Sibsey cum vno gladio tracto et ipsum sic fugauit vsque domum suam in Wrangle ad ipsum

occidendum et ipsum insideat [sic] de die in diem ad interficiendum contra pacem etc. Qui quidem Ricardus allocutus qualiter se velit de transgressione predicta acquietare posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem coram prefatis Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis per plegium Simonis Colynsone de Waynflit Hugonis de Wrangle de eadem Simonis Hymlyn de Freskenay et Walteri Crake de eadem de fine et de bono gestu dicti Ricardi, finem ij s. (*Marg: Finem ij s.*)

R. son of J. assaulted J. B. in Sibsey field with drawn sword and chased him to his home at Wrangle with intent to kill, and lay in wait for him daily to kill him.

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[*m. 2*]

Marg: WESTRITHINGUM

Inquisicio capta apud Lincoln' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Clementis pape anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum tricesimo quarto coram T[homa] Leuelaunce et W[illelmo] de Stayn iusticiariis etc. per sacramentum xij etc. wappentaci de Laurez.

8. Qui dicunt quod Henricus Lang' de Carleton' vbi iuratus fuit presentandum coram xij iuratoribus eiusdem wappentaci die Lune proximo post festum Omnium Sanctorum anno supradicto de diuersis transgressionibus inquirendis predictus Henricus concilium domini regis et predictorum iuratorum contra iuramentum suum publicauit et narrauit per quod dicti iuratores dampnum et scandalum receperunt. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod venire faceret predictum Henricum coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Hospitalem super Stratam die Martis proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno supradicto ad respondendum domino regi de transgressione et contemptu predictis. Qui quidem Henricus per vicecomitem ductus et per predictos iusticiarios allocutus qualiter se velit de transgressione predicta acquietare posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem coram Iohanne Moubray et Thoma de Ingelby iusticiariis etc. de xij s. iij d. per plegium Walteri Hird' de Scothorn' et Gilberti Gylilot de eadem. (*Marg: Finem j marce.*)

H. L., after being sworn to make presentments before the twelve jurors enquiring of trespasses, published and revealed the counsel of the king, and of the said jurors, to their injury and scandal.

9. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Martyn de Scothorn' Robertus Benet de eadem et Walterus Huck' de eadem vbi summoniti fuerunt ad iurandum et presentandum coram prefatis iusticiariis ipsi in contemptum domini regis noluerunt iurare nec presentare. Qui quidem Willelmus Robertus et Walterus venerunt coram prefatis Iohanne et Thoma iusticiariis etc. et singillatim posuerunt se ad gratiam domini regis et fecerunt finem videlicet quilibet pro se ij s. per plegium Walteri de Wyrmington' de Scoter et quilibet

predictorum Willelmi Martyn Roberti et Walteri plegius alterius.
(*Marg:* (Finem ij s. ij s. ij s.^o.)

W. M., R. B., and W. H., on being summoned to take an oath and make presentments before the justices, refused to do either.

Inquisicio capta apud Scoter die Veneris proximo ante festum sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi supradicto per xij etc. wappentaci de Coringham.

10. Qui dicunt quod Iohannes de Wylingham de Estbutterwyk simul cum alijs ignotis die Sabbati proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xxxij^o apud Scoter noctanter equitavit armatus et molendinum aquaticum abbatis de Burgo sancti Petri vi et armis intrauit et in quendam Iohannem filium Rogeri Milner de Estfery seruientem eiusdem Abbatis insultum fecit et ipsum verberavit vulneravit et maletractavit ita quod de vita sua desperabatur contra pacem domini regis et est communis malefactor in nundinis et foris. Qui quidem Iohannes coram prefatis Iohanne Moubray et Thoma de Ingelby posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem de xx s. per plegium Rogeri Beuchamp' de Wylughton' et Gilberti de Thethilthorp' de Scoter. (*Marg:* (Finem xx s.^o.)

J. de W., with other unknown persons, rode about Scotter at night, armed, entered the abbot of Peterborough's water-mill, assaulted, beat, wounded, and ill-treated J., his servant, and is a common evil-doer in fairs and markets.

11. Item dicunt quod Edmundus de Walnesford' de Gaynesburgh' capellanus die Sabbati proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxij^o apud Gaynesburgh' in quandam Agnetam seruientem Walteri Lyster insultum fecit et ipsam verberavit vulneravit et maletractavit ita quod de vita sua desperabatur contra pacem domini regis et est communis perturbator pacis domini regis. Qui quidem Edmundus venit coram prefatis Iohanne et Thoma et posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem de [blank] per plegium Simonis Curtays de Gaynesburgh' et Rogeri de Ebor' de eadem. (*Marg:* (Finem xl d.^o.)

Inquisicio capta apud Burton' iuxta Normanby die Mercurii in festo apostolorum Simonis et Iude anno regni regis Edwardi supradicto coram prefatis T[homa] Leuelaunce et W[illelmo] de Stayn iusticiariis etc. per sacramentum xij etc. wappentaci de Manley.

12. Qui dicunt [quod] Thomas de Ebor' de Northorp capellanus et Nicholaus Sherman de Scoter venerunt apud Scoter noctanter vi et armis die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Georgij anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxiiiij^o et in quemdam Robertum ballium de Scoter in ballia sua insultum fecerunt et dictum Robertum apud Scoter verberauerunt et vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt contra pacem etc. ita quod de vita sua desperabatur. Qui quidem

Thomas et Nicholaus coram T[homa] Leuelaunce et W[illelmo] de Stayn allocuti qualiter se velint acquietare de transgressione predicta posuerunt se singillatim ad gratiam domini regis et fecerunt finem coram Iohanne Moubray et Thoma de Ingelby iusticiariis etc. videlicet predictus Thomas de Ebor' de dimidia marca per plegium Rogeri de Ebor' de Gaynesburgh' et Simonis Curtays de eadem et predictus Nicholaus de xl denariis per plegium Ricardi de Morton' de Scotton' et Iohannis de Morton' de Northorp'. (*Marg:* (Finem dimidiæ marce^c.) (Finem xl d.^c.)

13. Item dicunt quod Walterus Couper de Redburne venit apud Redburne die Dominica proxima ante festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi predicti xxxiiij et in quendam Gilbertum Parra apud Redburne insultum fecit et ipsum Gilbertum verberauit et malectrauit contra pacem etc.

14. Item dicunt quod predictus Walterus Couper de Redburne die Lune proximo post festum apostolorum Simonis [et] Iude anno regni regis Edwardi predicti xxxij^o ad domum Iohanne filie Iohannis Lorimer de Redburne [venit] et hostium eiusdem domus fregit et dictam domum eiusdem Iohanne intrauit et in predictam Iohannam insultum fecit et ipsam Iohannam verberauit et in capite eiusdem vulnerauit ita quod de vita sua disperabatur. Qui quidem Walterus allocutus qualiter se velit acquietare de transgressione predicta posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem coram prefatis Iohanne Moubray et Thoma de Ingelby de [blank] per plegium Rogeri Gunnays et Ricardi de Burton' balliuorum de Manle. (*Marg:* (Finem xl d.^c.)

15. Item dicunt quod Iohannes de Rouclyf de Wynterton' molendinarius de Roxby venit die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxx^o noctanter ad molendinum de Roxby et dictum molendinum intrauit vi et armis et in quendam Iohannem Bunt molendinarium insultum fecit et ipsum Iohannem verberauit vulnerauit et malectrauit contra pacem et quod predictus Iohannes de Rouclyf est communis perturbator pacis. Qui quidem Iohannes allocutus est qualiter se velit acquietare de transgressione predicta posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem coram prefatis Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis de j marca per plegium Ricardi Maundeuille et Rogeri Gunnays. (*Marg:* Finem j marce.)

16. Item dicunt quod Galfridus Coke de Wynterton' die Martis proximo ante festum Epiphaniæ domini anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxiiij et [sic] quosdam Iohannem Cote et Iohannem Yole de Winterton' insultum fecit et predictos Iohannem et Iohannem verberauit vulnerauit et malectrauit ita quod de vita sua disperabantur [sic].

17. Item dicunt quod predictus Galfridus nocteuagus venit apud Wynterton' die Iouis proximo ante festum sancti Gregorij

pape anno supradicto et in quendam Iohannem Litterter insultum fecit et ipsum Iohannem verberavit vulneravit et malectractavit ita quod de vita sua desperabatur. Qui quidem Galfridus allocutus qualiter se velit acquietare de transgressionibus predictis ponit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem coram prefatis Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis de xx s. per plegium Roberti de Feryby et Rogeri de Threplound. (*Marg.*: (Finem xx s.^c.)

18. Item dicunt quod Simon Taillour Margareta Pertrik Willelmus of ye bothe Willelmus Colson de Crull et Willelmus Hack' de Amcotes communes laborarii attachiati fuerunt per constabularios villate predictae ad laborandum [cum] vicinis ville predictae in forma statuti ordinati et predicti Simon et alij predicti attachiamentum predictorum constabulariorum fregerunt quasi rebelles et dicunt quod ad legem corone stare noluerunt in contemptum domini regis. Qui quidem Simon et alij predicti venerunt coram prefatis Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis et posuerunt se singillatim ad gratiam domini regis et fecerunt finem videlicet Simon Taillour de xl d. per plegium Iohannis filii Roberti de Ludyngton' et Roberti Galt de Crull item Margareta Pertrik de xl d. per plegium Roberti Galt de Crull et Roberti Gay de eadem item Willelmus of ye bothe de xl d. per plegium Roberti Galt et Iohannis del Bothe item Willelmus Colson de xl d. per plegium Iohannis Garner et Roberti Galt et Willelmus Hack' de xl d. per plegium Iohannis filii Roberti de Ludinton' et Ricardi filii Roberti de Burton'. (*Marg.*: (Finem xl d.^c) *repeated five times.*)

S. T. and others, common labourers, when attached by the constables of the town to work for their neighbours, according to the statute, broke the attachment in the manner of rebels, and refused to submit to the law of the crown.

19. Item dicunt quod vbi Thomas Leuelaunce nuper iusticiarius statuti laborareorum [sic] et constabularius de Malmeton' attachiaverunt Dionisiam vxorem Thome Crake et assignauerunt eam ad laborandum cum domino Philippo Neuyte secundum ordinationem statuti et predictus dominus Philippus de labore predictae Dionisie fuit seisisus super hoc venit predictus Thomas Crake vi et armis et predictum attachiamentum fregit et eam extra seruicium predicti domini Philippi cepit et abduxit etc. et quod dictus Thomas est rebellis contra legem corone Anglie.

When T. L., a justice of labourers and a constable attached D., the wife of T. C. and appointed her to work for Sir Philip Nevyte, who was seised of her labour [i.e. she was actually in his service], T. C. came and broke the attachment, and withdrew her from service, and is a rebel against the law etc.

20. Item dicunt quod predictus Thomas Crake venit die Sabbati proximo ante festum Omnium Sanctorum anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxiiij vi et armis et quendam Ricardum de Westby de Malmeton' constabularium prosequebatur a foro de Kyrkton' vsque [*illegible*] cum quodam gladio extracto

in via regia et predictum Richardum seysiuit et extra viam regiam cepit et abduxit tenuit et arestauit in magna minacione de vita et de membris quousque dictus Ricardus fecit finem et redempcionem cum predicto Thoma ad voluntatem suam. Qui quidem Thomas allocutus qualiter se velit acquietare de transgressionibus predictis posuit se ad graciam domini regis et fecit finem coram Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis de [illegible] per plegium Iohannis Dautre et Iohannis de Amcotes. (*Marg: Illegible.*)

The same T. C. chased the constable from Kirton market with drawn sword, in the king's highway, seized him, removed him from the high way, and detained him under threat of life and limb, until he paid fine and ransom.

21. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Schalock' quondam portour de Barton' vacabundus venit die Lune proximo ante festum sancte Margarete anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxiiij^{to} apud Wyton et duas carectatas feni vicarii de Wyton [illegible] fuit precii liij s. vi et armis cepit et asportauit contra pacem domini regis. Qui quidem Iohannes venit coram Iohanne Moubray et sociis [suis] et posuit se ad graciam domini regis et fecit finem de ij s. per plegium Willelmi Cademan de Wyton et Iohannis filii Willelmi Dau de Normanby. (*Marg: (Finem ij s.º.)*)

22. Item dicunt quod Willelmus de Hertipole venit die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxx [illegible] apud Burton' et cuidam Thome de Feribit insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et malectractauit ita quod de vita sua disperabatur.

23. Et quod idem Willelmus die Iouis proximo ante festum sancti [illegible] vi et armis venit ad domum Iohannis Trote et ipsum Iohannem verberauit vulnerauit et malectractauit [illegible].

24. Item dicunt quod idem Willelmus die Lune proximo post festum sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis Edwardi predicti xxxiiij [illegible] et in quendam Iohannem Brothersone insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et malectractauit et [?] quod idem Willelmus est communis malefactor et perturbator pacis. Qui quidem Willelmus allocutus qualiter se velit acquietare de transgressionibus predictis posuit se ad graciam domini regis et fecit finem coram Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis de [illegible] per plegium Iohannis de Amcotes et Ricardi de Burton' balliuorum de Manle. (*Marg: Illegible.*)

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Marg: ADHEC WESTRETHINGUM

Inquisicio capta apud Epworth' die Veneri proximo ante festum Omnium Sanctorum anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post

conquestum xxxiiij^{to} coram Iohanne de Moubray et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis de pace in partibus de Lyndesay per sacramentum xij etc.

25. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Rogerus Penne et Iohannes Dulle de Belton' vulnerauerunt Iohannem Cade de Belton' apud Kynyardfery die sancti Laurencii anno regni regis Edwardi predicti xxxiiij^{to}. Qui quidem Rogerus et Iohannes Dulle venerunt coram prefatis Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis et singillatim posuerunt se ad gratiam domini regis et fecerunt finem videlicet Rogerus de xl d. per plegium Iohannis Garner et Iohannis de Bothe et Iohannes Dulle eciam de xl d. per plegium Willelmi de Scotton' et Rogeri Dull fratris dicti Iohannis. (*Marg:* Finem xl d. Finem xl d.)

26. Item dicunt quod Henricus Atebrigg' de Kynyardfery sutor verberauit et malectrauit Willelmum Farre de Kynyardfery apud Kynyardfery in crastino Omnium Sanctorum anno regni regis Edwardi predicti xxxiiij^{to}. Qui quidem Henricus venit coram prefatis Iohanne de Moubray et sociis suis et posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem de xl d. per plegium Iohannis de Bothe et Thome de Scotter. (*Marg:* Finem xl d.)

27. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Milner de Wrot attachiatus fuit per constabularios de Haxay et positus fuit in sepis domini regis apud Haxay die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxij et dictus Iohannes fregit dictos sepos contra pacem domini regis. Qui quidem Iohannes allocutus qualiter se velit acquietare de transgressione et contemptu predictis posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem coram prefatis Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis de [blank] per plegium Roberti Colt de Haxay capellani et Thome Bailly de Fery. (*Marg:* Finem xij s.)

J. M. was arrested by the constables and put in the stocks, and broke the stocks.

Marg: SOUTHRITHINGUM

Inquisicio capta apud Ludam die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xxxiiij^{to} coram T[homa] Leuelaunce et W[illelmo] de Stayn iusticiariis domini regis de pace in partibus de Lyndesey per sacramentum xij etc.

28. Qui dicunt super sacramentum quod Iohannes Madoure de Marketstaynton' fecit rescussum Willelmo de Dunham clerico et balliuo vicecomitis qui habuit preceptum ad faciendum executionem super debitum Iohannis de Grisby de Luda [et] venit predictus Iohannes vi et armis die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Martini anno regni regis Edwardi predicti xxxiiij^{to} et ipsum Willelmum verberauit vulnerauit et malectrauit contra pacem domini regis etc. Qui quidem Iohannes coram prefatis iusticiariis

allocutus qualiter se velit de transgressione predicta acquietare posuit se in graciam domini regis et fecit finem coram Iohanne de Moubray et Thoma de Ingelby de [blank] per plegium Iohannis Fox et Radulfi de Thresk' de Lincoln'. (*Marg:* Finem (xl d.º).)

J. M. resisted the sheriff's clerk and bailiff who had a writ to do execution [on him] for a debt of J. de G., and assaulted him.

Inquisicio capta ibidem die Sabbati proximo post festum Omnium Sanctorum anno supradicto coram prefatis iusticiariis per sacramentum xij etc. wappentaci de Calswath'.

29. Qui dicunt super sacramentum quod Iohannes Whyte de Gayton iunior iniuste et contra pacem domini regis die Sabbati in vigilia sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxiiij^{to} apud Gayton' quendam equum Iohannis filii Roberti filii Henrici de eadem per noctem cepit et super eum equitavit apud Staynton' contra voluntatem ipsius Iohannis filii Roberti et sic facit communiter [?] cum vicinis ville predicte. Qui quidem Iohannes coram prefatis iusticiariis allocutus qualiter se velit acquietare de transgressionibus predictis posuit se ad graciam domini regis et fecit finem coram Iohanne de Moubray et sociis suis etc. de ijs. per plegium Ricardi de Herforth de Totell' et Iohannis Attehalle de eadem. (*Marg:* (Finem ij s.º).)

J. W. took a horse belonging to J., son of R., at Gayton, at night, and rode it to Stainton against the will of the said J., and he does this commonly with his neighbours of the said town.

Inquisicio wappentaci de Candelshowe capta apud Partenay die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Martini in yeme anno supradicto coram prefatis iusticiariis etc. per sacramentum xij etc.

30. Qui dicunt quod die Lune proximo post festum sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxiiij^{to} Willelmus filius Hugonis de Freskenay Walterus Bret de eadem et alij colectores xv^{me} destrinxerunt Thomam Cutte de Freskenay iuniorem per vnam vaccam pro denariis ad quos fuit assessus per taxatores et colectores xv^{me} de Freskenay ad opus domini regis et predictus Thomas vi et armis fecit rescussum dictis taxatoribus et collectoribus de predicta vacca et eam ab eis abduxit contra pacem et nullomodo vult iustificari per ministros domini regis. Qui quidem Thomas venit coram Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis et posuit se ad graciam domini regis et fecit finem de j marca per plegium Hugonis de Wrangle et Wydonis Smyth de Croft. (*Marg:* Finem j marce.)

The collectors of the 15th distrained on T. C. by a cow for the money at which he had been assessed by the assessors, whereupon he resisted them and took away the said cow with force and arms, and refuses to obey the king's officers.

31. Item dicunt quod Thomas Swyft de Waynflet in vigilia sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxiiij^{to} quendam Iohannem Brinnehoves de Partenay verberavit vulneravit et malectavit contra pacem et est communis perturbator pacis. Qui quidem Thomas venit coram Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis

et posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem per plegium Hugonis Wrangle de Waynflet et Eudonis Smyth' de Croft finem dimidie marce. (*Marg:* Finem dimidie marce.)

32. Item dicunt quod Thomas Attehalle de Waynflet manens in Luda in vigilia sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno supradicto quendam Walterum Blyssot de Waynflet per noctem verberavit et maletractavit contra pacem. Qui quidem Thomas allocutus qualiter se velit de transgressione predicta acquietare posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem coram prefatis Iohanne de Moubray et sociis suis per plegium Willelmi filii Rogeri Attehalle de Waynflet Willelmi Punchard' de Luda et Iohannis seruiantis dicti Willelmi Punchard', finem [*blank*]. (*Marg:* Finem ij s.)

33. Item dicunt quod Iohannes de Wlmersty anno regni regis Edwardi predicti xxxiiij^{to} preceptus fuit per constabularios de Waynflet ad vigilandum noctanter secundum statutum Wynecestrie et dictus Iohannes noluit se iustificari per constabularios predictos etc. Qui quidem Iohannes venit coram Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis et posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem per plegium Hugonis de Wrangle et Iohannis Lamberd de Wrangle finem ij s. (*Marg:* (Finem ij s.^e.)

J. de W. was commanded by the constables to keep the watch according to the statute of Winchester, and refused to obey them.

34. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Newecummen de Burgh' anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxiiij^o quendam Willelmum de Thorp' de Skendelby sic de corpore suo maliciose minabatur quod cum dictus Willelmus de Thorp arrestatus fuit per ballium domini regis ad veniendum pro villa de Skendelby apud Burgh' ad presentandum coram xij iuratoribus pro domino rege de malefactoribus pacis dictus Willelmus non ausus fuit propter magnum metum quem habuit de dicto Willelmo Newecummen quare dicta villata de Skendelby nichil presentavit ad illam diem et predictus Willelmus Newecummen est communis perturbator pacis et minator hominum et noluit esse intendens nec iustificari per ministros domini regis. Qui quidem Willelmus Newecummen venit coram Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis et posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem per plegium Hugonis de Wrangle de Waynflet et Eudonis Smyth de Croft finem xl d. (*Marg:* Finem xl d.)

W. N. maliciously threatened W. de T. with bodily harm, so that he dared not appear for the township of Skendleby before the inquest, to make presentment of evildoers, when summoned by the king's bailiff, wherefore the said township made no presentments on that day; W. N. is a common disturber of the peace, threatening men, and refusing to obey the king's officers.

35. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Attehalle de Waynflet die Lune proximo post festum [*illegible*] anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxviiij^o quendam Iohannem Gysell de Waynflet [*illegible*] etc. Qui quidem

Iohannes venit coram prefatis Iohanne Moubray et sociis suis et posuit se ad gratiam domini regis et fecit finem per plegium Iohannis de Cockelyngton et Simonis [?] [illegible].

[At the foot of this membrane is written :]

Inquisiciones capte coram T[homa] Leuelaunce et W[illelmo] de Stayn iusticiariis pacis in comitatu Lincoln' anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xxxiiij^{to}. Extra anno xvij^{to} rotulo termini predicti

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DE ANNO REGNI REGIS EDWARDI TERCII XLVIJ^o

Indictamenta capta coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis et iusticiariis domini regis ad diuersa [sic] felonias et transgressiones in partibus de Lyndeseye in comitatu Lyncoln' audiendas et terminandas assignatis virtute cuiusdam breuis domini regis patentis quod sequitur in hec verba.

Edwardus dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie dilectis et fidelibus suis Roberto de Wylughby et Iohanni Poucher salutem. Sciatis quod cum nuper assignauerimus dilectos et fideles nostros Iohannem ducem Lancastrie Radulfum de Cromwell' Thomam de Ingelby Iohannem Dymmok Iohannem de Boys Iohannem de Cauendissh Radulfum de Skipwyth et Thomam de Wythornwyk custodes pacis nostre et iusticiarios nostros ad diuersas felonias et transgressiones in partibus de Lyndeseye in comitatu Lyncoln' audiendas et terminandas et ad arraiandum per ipsos et deputatos suos omnes homines defensabiles inter etates sexdecim et sexaginta annorum existentes in partibus predictis tam infra libertates quam extra et ad omnes homines ad arma armatos hobelarios et sagittarios videlicet quemlibet eorum iuxta status sui exigenciam et facultates suas armis competentibus muniri et in millenis centenis et vintenis poni et eos sic armatos arraiatos et munitos in arraiacione huiusmodi teneri faciendos. Ita quod omnes huiusmodi homines ad arma armati hobelarij et sagittarij arraiantur muniantur et trientur et in arraiacione huiusmodi teneantur sic quod prompti sint et parati ad proficiscendum in defensionem regni nostri Anglie quociens ex hostium incurisibus periculum aliquod imineat et super hoc ex parte nostra fuerint premuniti et ad quedam alia in literis nostris patentibus inde confectis contenta in partibus predictis facienda et explenda prout in eisdem literis plenius continetur. Quibusdam certis de causis nos specialiter mouentibus associamus vos prefatis duci Radulfo Thome Iohanni Iohanni Iohanni Radulfo et Thome ad dictam pacem nostram in partibus predictis conseruandam et felonias et transgressiones predictas vna cum eis audiendas et terminandas et arraiacionem predictam ac premissa alia et singula in predictis literis contenta ibidem facienda et explenda. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod circa premissa omnia et singula vna cum prefatis duce

Radulfo Thoma Iohanne Iohanne Iohanne Radulfo et Thoma in partibus predictis facienda et explenda intendatis in forma predicta facturi inde quod ad iusticiarios pertinet secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri Anglie. Saluis nobis amerciamendis et alijs ad nos inde spectantibus. Mandauimus eisdem duci Radulfo Thome Iohanni Iohanni Iohanni Radulfo et Thome quod ipsi vos ad premissa vna cum eis in partibus predictis facienda et explenda in socios admittant sicut predictum est. In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xvij die Iulij anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo sexto regni vero nostri Francie tricesimo tercio.

Aliud breue domini regis clausum Iohanni duci Lancastrie et alijs in eodem breui contentis sequitur in hec verba. Edwardus dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie dilectis et fidelibus suis Iohanni duci Lancastrie Radulfo de Cromwell Thome de Ingelby Iohanni Dymmok Iohanni de Bois Iohanni de Cauendissh Radulfo de Skipwyth et Thome de Wythorwyk [sic] custodibus pacis et iusticiariis ad diuersas felonias et transgressiones in partibus de Lyndeseye in comitatu Lyncoln' audiendas et terminandas assignatis salutem. Licet nuper associauerimus vobis dilectos et fideles nostros Robertum de Wylughby et Iohannem Poucher ad dictam pacem nostram in partibus predictis conseruandam et felonias et transgressiones predictas vna vobiscum in partibus predictis audiendas et terminandas et ad quedam alia in literis nostris patentibus inde confectis contenta ibidem facienda et explenda prout in eisdem literis plenius continetur. Volumus tamen quod illa associacione [vero ?] persona ipsius Roberti potestatem capitalis custodie et iusticie predictarum post vos prefate dux habeat et firmitatem. Et ideo vobis prefati Radulfe Thoma Iohannes Dymmok Iohannes de Boys Iohannes de Cauendissh Radulfe et Thoma mandamus quod ipsum Robertum tanquam capitalem custodem et iusticiarium sessionis vestre in hac parte post ipsum ducem in socium admittatis et eidem prout moris est intendatis recorda vero et processus memoranda et omnia alia officium custodi [sic] et iusticie predictarum tangencia et penes vos residencia eidem Roberto tanquam capitali custodi eiusdem sessionis post ipsum ducem prout moris est liberetis custodienda. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium xv die Februarii anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo septimo regni vero nostri Francie tricesimo quarto.

Marg. MANLE

1. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas de Houeden de Whyte Iohannes filius Walteri de Wyntringham Willelmus de Cundale de eadem Iohannes Heuour de Crosseby Iohannes filius Ade de Walcotes Iohannes Saghere de Flixburgh Willelmus filius Ricardi de Boterwyk Rogerus de Blyburgh de Flixburgh Willelmus Greme de Gerlthorpe Hugo Vaus de Amcotes Robertus filius Gilberti

de Redborn' et Willelmus del More de Amcotes coram prefatis iusticiariis presentant quod Katerina vxor Willelmi de Whityn est receptor Iohannis de Thorlay de Barton' ipsa sciente fecisse feloniam. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

2. Item presentant quod Robertus Tayllour de Burton' venit et conduxit Iohannem Nethird commorantem in Whityn die Lune proximo post festum exaltaeionis sancte Crucis anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum quadragesimo sexto apud Whityn ad seruiendum predicto Roberto in officio carucarii et caretarii a festo sancti Martini anno supradicto vsque idem festum sancti Martini extunc proxime sequens per vnum annum integrum dando ei per annum xv s. et cibum contra statutum. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

3. Item iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Ricardus Clidhowe Petrus de Amcotes Iohannes Garyne Thomas de Morton' Ricardus de Wellewode Iohannes de Grene Ricardus de Beltoft' Nicholaus Tebbe Oliuerus atte Halle Ricardus Cadon Robertus Hamelyn et Iohannes German presentant quod Radulfus (ponit!) Sulle de Belton' felonice interfecit Iohannem Morhews de eadem apud Belton' die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc xlv^{to}. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ See App. 1, p. 107, below.

4. Item presentant quod villata de Whiton' [et] villata de Burton' non venerunt ad diem predictum ad informandum iuratores magne inquisicionis per quod negocia regis ad diem predictum ceperunt dilacionem. (*Marg: Transgressio. Villate.*)

The townships of Whitton and Burton failed to come on the appointed day to give information to the jurors of the grand jury, whereby the king's business was delayed on that day.

Marg: WAPPENTACUM CORYNGHAM

5. Item iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Simon Curtayse Iohannes Ha de Gaynesburgh' Iohannes Dallying' de eadem Ricardus Seyneiames Nicholaus Palmer et Willelmus Cadan sunt communes forstallatores diuersorum pissium per aquas de Trente Ouse et Humber tam per dies quam per noctes videlicet apud villam de Gaynesburgh' et alibi in partibus de Lyndeseye et eos vendiderunt diuersis hominibus patrie ibidem capiendū lucrum excessiuum videlicet de Edmundo de Cornewayle et de domino Alexandro de Neuile quilibet eorum ad summam quadraginta solidorum anno regni regis nunc xlvij ad maximum dampnum tocius patrie domini regis ibidem et contra statutum domini regis inde editum.

S. C. and others are common forstallers of various kinds of fish by the waters of the Trent, Ouse, and Humber, both by day and night, namely at Gainsborough and elsewhere in Lindsey, and have sold them to different men of the district there, taking excess profits, namely from Edmund of Cornwall and Alexander Nevile, each 40s., to the heavy loss of the whole neighbourhood etc.

6. Item iuratores de Wellewappentaci presentant quod villata de Fenton' non fecit vigiliam anno regni regis Edwardi xlvij prout facere deberent [sic] in regis contemptum contra statutum inde editum. (*Marg:* Villata de Fenton'.)

The township of Fenton did not keep the watch in the 47th year, as they ought to do, in contempt etc.

7. Item presentant quod Robertus de Northwode capellanus dedit Iohanni (finis!) Naull' iuniori pro seruicio suo anno regni regis Edwardi quadragesimo sexto xx s. contra statutum de seruientibus editum etc.

Marg: ASLAKBOWE

8. Iuratores wappentaci de Aslakhowe videlicet Thomas atte Brigge de Ingham Ricardus Sibbesson' de Helmeswode Iohannes de Norton' de Snyterby Hugo de Normanby de eadem Robertus Candelare de eadem Willelmus Marshall de Helmeswell' Iohannes Towrs de Hoppeswell' Iohannes de Barkeworth' de eadem Thomas de Euerethorpe de Glentworth Iohannes Courte de eadem Willelmus Wyn' de eadem et Thomas Hauerseil de Wyhton' presentant quod Thomas Boure seruiens prioris de Bolyngton' in Ingham die Sabbati proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie anno quadragesimo septimo apud Ingham furtiue furatus fuit vnum cultrum caruce de Iohanne Druri precij decem denariorum.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ See App. II, p. 108, below.

9. Iuratores presentant quod Iohannes filius Petri de Grynesby die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Petri in cathedra anno quadragesimo septimo vi et armis in Willelmum de Belesby apud Lyncoln' insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem domini regis.¹

¹ See no. 15, below.

Marg: BRADLE

10. Item iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas Moyne Robertus de Thirnesco Osbertus Richaw Willelmus Nicoluen Willelmus de Coynton' Robertus West' Thomas Douk' Petrus de Cotu Iohannes Sibilson' Iohannes Talifer Thomas Couk et Iohannes atte Kok' presentant quod quidem Alanus¹ filius Iohannis vicarij de Humberstan die Iouis proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis Edwardi tereij post conquestum quadragesimo septimo fregit quandam cameram ipsius Iohannis patris sui apud Humberstan et ibidem furtiue cepit et asportauit xx s.² (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375. ² See no. 40, and App. III, p. 109, below.

11. Item presentant quod Willelmus quondam seruiens Roberti de Belesby conductus fuit ad seruendum abbati de Humberstan in officio carucarii ibidem a festo sancti Martini vltimo elapso vsque ad idem festum anno reuoluto et die Dominica proxima

post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xlvij recessit a seruicio predicti abbatis contra statutum domini regis.

W., formerly servant of R. de B., was hired to serve the abbot of Humberstone as ploughman from St Martin's day last until the same day the following year, but left his service on the Sunday after St Martin in the 47th year.

12. Item dicunt quod die Iouis proximo post festum decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xlvij Iohannes Galt' seruiens Willelmi de Toynton' in officio carucarii et carectarij apud Layceby retentus recessit a seruicio predicti Willelmi contra statutum et ad graue dampnum etc. ante finem termini.

13. Item presentant quod villata [sic] de Thoresby Graynesby et Swynope sunt rebelles et noluerunt venire coram iusticiariis domini regis ad presentandum etc.

Marg: VILLATA. THORESBY

[*m. Id.*]

14. Item iuratores infra nominati wappentaci predicti de Bradle presentant quod Thomas Nunch¹ persona ecclesie de Rothewell' et Willelmus Spenser¹ seruiens ipsius Thome cum alijs ignotis die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xlvj apud Cokewald in campis eiusdem vesturam viginti et quinque acrarum frumenti ordei auenarum et pisarum precij cuiuslibet acre quinque solidorum et vesturam vnus acre feni precij iiii s. de Iohanne Greyne de Cokewald noctanter furtiue ceperunt et asportauerunt. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

T. N., parson of Rothwell, and W. S., his servant, with other unknown persons, stole the crops of 25 acres of wheat, barley, oats, and peas, worth 5s. an acre, and of an acre of hay, worth 4s., belonging to J. G., at night, in the fields of Cuxwold.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

15. Item presentant quod Iohannes filius Petri de Grymesby die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Petri in cathedra anno xvij vi et armis in Willelmum de Belesby apud Lyncoln' insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem domini regis.¹ (*Marg:* Transgressio. Vacat quia infra.)

¹ See no. 9, above.

Marg: WALSSCROFT'

16. Item iuratores wappentaci de Walsshcroft presentant quod Willelmus de Bathoue et Iohannes Glouere de Rasone seruientes magistri Iohannis de Irford rectoris de Westrasone die Veneris proximo post festum sancte Lucie virginis anno quadagesimo septimo recesserunt a seruicio ipsius Iohannis de Irford apud Westrasone sine causa rationabili et licencia ipsius Iohannis in contemptum domini regis et contra formam ordinacionis inde edite.

Marg: YORDBURGH'

17. Item iuratores hundredi de Yordburgh' presentant quod Radulfus de Waddeslay constabularius villate de Killingholme die Dominica proxima post festum purificationis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo septimo apud Killingholme venit ad domum Iohannis Racy ad porcionem suam xv^e eiusdem ville domino regi vltimo concessam [sic] leuandam [et] idem Iohannes Racy prefatum Radulfum de Waddeslay vi et armis rescussit et insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit.

When the constable of Killingholme came to the house of J. R. to levy his share of the fifteenth of that town recently granted to the king, the said J. R. resisted him, assaulted, beat, wounded, and ill-treated him.

Marg: GAYRTRE

18. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Iohannes de Burgh' seruiens vicarij de Aluord apud Beltesford retentus a festo sancti Hillarii anno regni regis Edwardi tereij post conquestum quadragesimo sexto recessit a seruicio dicti vicarii apud Beltesford ante finem termini inter eos concordati contra formam ordinacionis etc.

Marg: HILL'

19. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Willelmus de Sraifeld Iohannes de Northorpe Iohannes Muriell' Robertus Burdon' Robertus Acubek' Philippus de Stanesby Willelmus Gemell' Iohannes de Stokhill' Robertus Pletoure Hugo de Askeby Iohannes Ryngot et Iohannes de Tateshale presentant quod Iohannes Warde¹ de Brinkill furatus fuit furtiue vnum equum precij x s. de Willelmo filio Thome de Southornesby apud Ormesby die Martis proximo post festum sancti Barnabe apostoli anno regni regis nunc xlvj^{to} et est communis latro. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

20. Item presentant quod Willelmus¹ seruiens Roberti atte Bek' de Walmesgare furatus fuit furtiue de predicto Roberto ij s. argenti et pannos laneos ad valenciam x s. apud Walmesgare die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis nunc xlvj^{to}. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

21. Item presentant quod Willelmus Ketelok de Ormesby communis braciator iuratus fuit ante hec tempora coram constabulario de Ormesby ad braciandum et vendendum lagenam ceruisie pro j d. et per mensuras sigillatas et modo vendit lagenam ceruisie pro j d. ob. et per discos et per alias vasas non sigillatas et hoc capiendo excessiuum lucrum ad summam excessus ij s. videlicet anno xlvj contra formam statuti etc.

W. K., a common brewer, before this time took an oath before the constable of Ormsby to brew and sell a gallon of ale for 1d., by sealed measures, yet now he sells a gallon of ale for 1½d., in bowls and other vessels, not sealed, thus taking excess profits to the amount of 2s.

Marg: CAND[LESHOWE]

22. Item iuratores wappentaci de Candleshowe presentant quod Radulphus Pye de Fryskenay die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis nunc xlvj^{to} fuit rebellis constabulario in faciendo officium suum in villata de Friskenay contra statutum domini regis.

23. Item presentant quod Walterus Botheby thekere die Lune proximo post festum sancti Andree anno regni regis nunc xlvj^{to} cepit pro artificio suo videlicet pro coopertura domorum de rectore de Partenay quatuor denarios per diem ad mensem et sic cepit de die in diem per vnam mensem contra statutum domini regis. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

W. B., a thatcher, received for his craft, namely for thatching the buildings of the rector of Parteney, 4*d.* a day for a month.

Marg: HORNCASTRE

24. Iuratores wappentaci de Horncastre videlicet Iohannes Sturmy de Marum Willelmus filius Henrici de Tynton' Thomas Sturmy de eadem Thomas de Bolsby de Askeby Ricardus del Hill' de Maryng' Petrus Toy de eadem Thomas Whyclawe de Moreby Willelmus de Baumburgh' de Welkesby Willelmus Tereky de Endirby Robertus Felaw de Bilkesby Ricardus de Biker et Iohannes filius Walteri de Themilby presentant quod Simon Couper¹ de Maryng' furatus fuit furtiue tres boues precij xlvj s. apud Horncastre de Iohanne Tayt de Horncastre [sic] noctanter die Sabbati proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo sexto.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

25. Item presentant quod predictus Simon Couper captus fuit per constabularium de Horncastre et missus in carcerem per predictum constabularium et predictus Simon fregit predictam prisonam in Horncastre die Dominica proxima post festum sancte Lucie virginis anno regni regis nunc xlvj^{to}.

S. C. was arrested by the constable of Horncastle and put in prison, and he broke out of the said prison.¹

¹ He was indicted in the King's Bench by a Horncastle jury for this offence, and for his escape *ob defectu villate de Horncastel*, after he had been taken and imprisoned *pro latrocinio predicto* (K.B. 9/59, m. 63). And see nos. 28 and 29, below.

26. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Hugo de Braytoft' de Kele Iohannes Baroun Robertus de Tetford Willelmus Valentyn Simon Attefendyk' de Thorpe Simon de Stalyngburgh' de eadem Stephanus Bret de Cybory Stephanus Mawere de eadem Hugo de Hareby Willelmus Cote de Stykenay Ranulphus de Smalnay de eadem et Iohannes filius Radulphi de Halton' presentant quod Thomas¹ piscator de Halton' furtiue furatus fuit duas equas vnam de Roberto Tours de eadem et alteram de Henrico Day de eadem

in eadem villa precij xl s. die Martis proximo post festum sancti Laurencii anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo sexto.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

27. Item presentant quod Hugo Sauupe et Thomas de Pumfrayt de Halton communi [sic] falcatores in Halton ceperunt per falcacionem cuiuslibet acre prati in prato de Halton anno supradicto de Willelmo Marchall de Estercole et alijs contra statutum v d. et prandium.

28. Iuratores wappentaci de Horneastre videlicet Iohannes filius Radulfi de Maryng Willelmus filius Iohannis Sergent de eadem Simon de Dowode de Horneastre Iohannes Glouer de eadem Ricardus Carter de eadem Willelmus Couper de eadem Iohannes filius Idonis de Askeby Thomas de Northecotes de eadem Robertus de Cadenay de Holtham Willelmus de Scrayfeld de eadem Iohannes filius Walteri de Themelby et Robertus filius Alani de eadem presentant quod Simon Couper de Maryng et Henricus¹ filius Iohannis filii Matillis de Hammerynham furtiue furati fuerunt tres boues precij xl s. de Iohanne Tayt de Horneastre noctanter in campo de Horneastre die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Michelis Archangeli anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo sexto et sunt communes latrones.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

Marg: HORNEASTRE

29. Item iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Simon de Dowode de Horneastre Willelmus Couper de eadem Robertus Ferraut de eadem Iohannes Smipane de eadem Simon Bawere de eadem Alanus de Hotoft Radulphus Fole Radulphus Cartire Iohannes Glouere Iohannes Taytte Ricardus de Halton et Walterus de Eboraco presentant quod Thomas (quietus¹) Pardoner manens in Kesteuen Willelmus Athebeek¹ de Moreby et Robertus (quietus¹) Couper de Maryng die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis nunc xlvj¹⁰ apud Horneastre noctanter quendam Simonem Couper de Maryng² captum per Ricardum Cartire et Simonem Dowode constabularios de Horneastre pro diuersis felonis et in custodia Ricardi Cartire constabularii predicti existentem extra custodiam ipsius Ricardi furtiue ceperunt et abduxerunt contra voluntatem ipsius Ricardi.

T. P., W. A., and R. C. stole away a certain S. C., who had been arrested by the constable of Horneastle for various felonies, from the custody of R. C., against the will of the said R. C.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375. ² See nos. 24, 25, and 28, above.

30. Item presentant quod Simon Seepard de Horneastre die Veneris proximo ante festum sancti Hillarii anno regni regis nunc xlvj¹⁰ in quendam [sic] Iohannem Blakhate de Horneastre et Alanum de Saleby apud Horneastre insultum fecit et ipsos verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem domini regis.

31. Item presentant quod Abbas et conuentus de Kirkestede obstupauerunt quandam venellam apud Horncastre vocatam Bamaylane ita quod cursus aque ibidem obstupatur ad graue dampnum ville et patrie.¹

The abbot and convent of Kirkstead blocked up a lane at Horncastle so that the flow of the water there was obstructed, to the damage of the town and countryside.

¹ See App. IV, p. 110, below.

Marg: WRAGHOWER

32. Item iuratores hundredi de Wraghowe presentant quod Willelmus Mower de Staynfeld conductus fuit ad seruiendum Iohanni Smyth de Staynfeld a festo Pentecostes anno regni regis nunc xlvj^{to} vsque ad festum sancti Martini in yeme tunc proxime sequente [sic] apud Staynfeld in officio carucarii et carectarii qui quidem Willelmus a seruicio dicti Iohannis sine causa rationabili ad festum translacionis sancti Thome Martiris infra terminum predictum recessit contra statutum etc.

33. Item presentant quod villate de Burgh super Bayne Bolyngton' Wykyngby et Rande non venerunt ad informandum magnam inquisicionem.

The townships of Burgh on Bain, Bullington, Wickenby, and Rand failed to come and give information to the grand jury.

Marg: LOUTHESK

34. Item iuratores wappentaci de Louthesk' videlicet Alanus Raythby Rogerus de Grimstoft Elias Fraunsays Ricardus de Haghham Simon Adrian Willelmus Abott Iohannes de Linbergh Iohannes de Thorpe Radulphus Hopshort Robertus de Manby Ricardus Smyth Ricardus de Calesthorpe et Thomas filius Petri presentant quod Alanus¹ filius Willelmi filii Walteri de Salfletby die Iouis proximo ante festum purificationis beate Marie virginis anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo sexto felonice interfecit Willelmum de Hakthorn' apud Salfletby.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

35. Item presentant quod Willelmum Runfare de Salflet-hauen in festo sancti Hillarii anno regni regis nunc xliiij conductus fuit ad seruiendum Willelmo Skott de Salflethauen per totum annum in officio piscatoris [et] stetit in seruicio suo vsque ad festum purificationis proxime sequens et tunc recessit extra seruicium predicti Willelmi contra statutum in regis contemptum etc.

W. R. was hired on St Hilary's day to serve W. S. for the whole year as fisherman, and remained in his service until the Purification following, and then departed, against the statute etc.

36. Item presentant quod Nicholaus de Ferebi quondam seruiens Iohannis Pygot de Kelstern die Lune proximo post [festum] apostolorum Philippi et Iacobi anno regni regis nunc xlv^{to} venit noctanter vi et armis ad domum Roberti Smyth de

Kelstern et ibidem Agnetam vxorem ipsius Roberti cepit et bona et catalla predicti Roberti ad valenciam centum solidorum cepit et asportauit.

[*m.* 2]

Adhuc de indietamentis captis coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis iusticiariis in partibus de Lyndeseye de anno regni regis Edwardi terciij quadragesimo septimo.

Marg: BRADLE

37. Iuratores wappentaci de Bradle presentant quod die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Iacobi apostoli anno regni regis nunc xlvij Iohannes seruiens Nicholai de Cee apud Grymesby vi et armis Iohannem Grenlay de eadem insultum [fecit] et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem domini regis.

38. Item presentant quod Robertus filius Emme constabularius de Alesby constabularius de Helyng quatuor homines et prepositus ville predictae constabularius ville de Magna Cottes et quatuor homines et prepositus eiusdem ville habuerunt diem essendi coram prefatis iusticiariis per premunitionem videlicet die Mercurii in festo sancti Bartholemei apostoli anno xlvij apud Castre ad informandum et inquirendum pro domino rege simul cum alijs etc. quo die non venerunt per quorum absentiam negocia domini regis ceperunt dilacionem.

The constable of Aylesby, the constable, four men, and the reeve of Healing, and the constable, four men, and the reeve of Great Cotes were given a day to appear before the justices, to give information and to make inquiry with others on the king's behalf; at which time they failed to come, and by reason of their absence the king's business was delayed.

39. Item presentant quod Iohannes Rychard de Humberstan die Veneris in festo sancte Marie Magdalene anno xlvij in Iohannem Perchebrigge apud Humberstan insultum fecerunt [sic] et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt contra pacem etc.

40. Et quod ijdem Iohannes Rychard Robertus Neuland¹ magister Iohannes seruiens Roberti de Neuland Alanus filius vicarii de Humberstan² et Iohannes Gilbert de Humberstan die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Petri apostoli anno xlvij in Iohannem filium Henrici Ermet³ et Matillem vxorem eius apud Humberstan noctanter insultum fecerunt et ipsum [sic] verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt contra pacem etc.

¹ See nos. 249, 252, 468, 471 and 472, below, and App. V, p. 111, below.

² See no. 10, above. ³ In the other cases this name appears as Hermer or Ermer.

Marg: WALLESCROFT⁷

41. Item iuratores hundredi de Wallescroft presentant quod Robertus Raulyn de Midrasen⁷ falcator recessit de villa predicta et moram traxit ad laborandum in diuersis locis patrie causa maioris lucri capiendi in contemptu domini regis videlicet anno xlvij.

42. Item presentant [quod] Willelmus Notel de Midrasen' laborarius et Margareta Pyper de eadem tempore autumpnali anno xlvij noluerunt deseruire in eadem villa set recesserunt et moram traxerunt vbique per patriam tempore predicto pro maiore salario capiendo in contemptu domini regis et contra formam ordinacionis inde edite.

43. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Sof' de Fresthorpe falcator cepit communiter in anno domini regis nunc xlvij pro qualibet acre prati vij d. videlicet de rectore de Bossyngthorpe et alijs hominibus de Fresthorp' et sic cepit per excessum x s.

44. Item presentant quod Margareta vxor Ricardi Soutere de Bryggelay braciatrix in villa predicta vendi [sic] ceruisiam suam per duos annos proxime preteritos in domo sua et non hominibus per patriam transeuntibus neque vicinis suis extra domum suam et hoc per discos et ciphos ad voluntatem suam et non per mensuras sigillatas contra statutum inde editum.

M., the wife of R. S., an ale-wife, has sold her ale for the last two years in her own house, and not to men passing through the district nor to her neighbours outside her house; and she has sold it in bowls and cups, at her own will, and not in sealed measures.

Marg: YORDBURGH

45. Item iuratores wappentaci de Yordeburch' presentant quod Iohannes Ieke de Barton' super Humber die Lune in crastino sancte Trinitatis anno xlvij in Willelmum de Broclesby apud Barton' insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit [et] vulnerauit contra pacem etc.

46. Item presentant quod Willelmus Masoun de Lymbergh assignatus fuit per constabularios ville de Lymbergh ad seruiendum Roberto Saper de Lymbergh in officio messoris tempore autumpni anno xlvij^{mo} [et] noluit se iusticiari per constabularios predictos set per rebellitatem suam ab eadem villa recessit in regis contemptum ac contra formam ordinacionis predictae.

Marg: WALESCROFT

47. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Willelmus Bowyere seruiens Walteri Bowyere de Luda die Dominica proxima ante festum sancti Petri advincula anno xlvij in Willelmum Cotereler de Luda et Iohannem seruientem suum apud Luda insultum fecit et ipsos verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

48. Item presentant quod Willelmus Lucas de Lyncoln' die Martis proximo ante festum apostolorum Philippi et Iacobi anno xlvij vi et armis in Iohannem Kay de Walesby apud Walesby insultum [fecit] et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

49. Item iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Willelmus de Bolyngton' Andreas Clerk' magister Iohannes de Wathe

Johannes de Cotes Simon de Randeby Robertus Lystere Robertus de Redebourn' Thomas de Northorpe Ricardus Bakester Robertus Humanson' Willelmus de Paule et Ricardus de Thorpe coram prefatis iusticiariis presentant quod Simon de Alford de Magna Cotes in festo sancti Clementis anno regni regis nunc xlvij felonice interfecit Ricardum filium Stephani Aleynson' de Magna Cotes apud Magnam Cotes.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ See no. 247, below, and App. VI, p. 116, below.

50. Item presentant quod Robertus de Grene de Grymesby et Robertus de Boteby de eadem die Lune in festo sancti Stephani anno xlvij in Radulphum Bakere de Layceby insultum fecerunt apud Grymesby et ipsum verberauerunt [et] vulnerauerunt contra pacem etc.

Marg: BRADLE

51. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas Moyne Robertus de Thrusco Walterus de Houton' Willelmus West Robertus atte Kirke Thomas Douk' Johannes Talyfer Willelmus Daulynson' Robertus de Burton' Robertus de Belesby Johannes Ketel' et Walterus de Keleby presentant quod Johannes de Kendale tayllour¹ de Nouo Castro de Luda die Lune proximo post festum sancti Nicholai anno xlvij apud Skitbrok' noctanter Robertum vicarium ecclesie de Skitbrok' de quatuor pecijs argenti coopertis et duabus alijs pecijs argenti decem et octo cocleariis argenti et vno masero precij decem librarum depredati fuerunt [sic]. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

52. Item presentant quod villate de Northcotes et Thoresby non venerunt coram iusticiariis apud Castre die Iouis proximo post festum Corporis Christi anno xlvij ad presentandum simul cum alijs pro domino regi prout summoniti fuerunt per quod negocia domini regis ad diem predictum ceperunt dilacionem. (*Marg:* Northcotes villata.)

The townships of North Cotes and [North] Thoresby failed to come with others before the justices to make presentments on the king's behalf, when summoned, whereby the king's business was delayed.

Marg: ASLAKHOWE

53. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Rogerus de Hakebourn' Walterus Neull' Johannes de Hothom Johannes de Fris-thorpe Rogerus de Kameryngham Philippus atte Kirke Ricardus Byseg' Johannes Toures Willelmus Marsshall' Johannes Court' Thomas de Irthorpe et Willelmus de Bohoun presentant quod Robertus de Irland de Boston¹ shepherd die Lune proximo post festum sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno xlvij apud Saxeby sex bidentes Iohannis filii Alexandri et Iohannis de Empyngham precij vj s. felonice furatus fuit cepit et abduxit. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

54. Item presentant quod Johannes West de Friseby com-morans apud Felyngham fecit rescussum constabulario ville de

Felyngham apud Felyngham vbi idem constabularius attachiasset predictum Iohannem West ad seruendum Thome de Toft de Felyngham videlicet die Lune proximo post festum sancti Bartholomei apostoli anno xlvij.

J. W., dwelling at Fillingham, resisted the constable of the town when he would have attached him to work for T. de T.

55. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Redemyld nuper seruens Iohannis West de Carleton' in seruicio suo apud Carleton' retentus ab eodem seruicio sine causa rationabili ante finem termini inter eos concordati et licencia ipsius Iohannis West recessit videlicet in festo translacionis sancti Thome Martiris anno xlvij vbi idem Iohannes commorasse debuit vsque ad festum sancti Martini tunc proxime sequens.

J. de R., who was in service with J. W. at Carlton, departed from that service without due cause before the end of the term agreed between them, and without leave of the said J. W., at the Translation of St Thomas in the 47th year, whereas he should have remained until the feast of St Martin following.

56. Item presentant quod Thomas Tasker de Helmeswell communis laborarius cepit de Thoma Tebbe et alijs in villa de Helmeswell' pro trituracione vnius quarterii frumenti iij d. et pro trituracione vnius quarterii ordeï ad taskam ij d. et sic cepit anno xlvij per excessum ad summam ijs.

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Marg: LYNCOLN'

57. Iuratores ciuitatis Lincoln' videlicet Iohannes de Bultham de Lincoln' Iohannes de Askham de eadem Rogerus Cadan de eadem Iohannes de Creton' de eadem Willelmus Lucas de eadem Thomas Filleson' de eadem Robertus de Messyngham Iohannes de Yeeley Iohannes Hykelyng' Thomas de Besthorpe Robertus Chapman et Hugo Hiklyng' presentant quod Thomas Yeuel die Martis proximo ante festum sancti Bartholomei anno xlvij apud Lincoln' insultum fecit Hugoni Knotte et ipsum percussit cum quodam cultello in gurgite et ipsum Hugonem prosecutus [est] ad interficiendum et predictus Hugo ipsum Thomam statim repercussit cum quodam cultello precij ij d. vnde obiit et dicunt quod idem Hugo alio modo visus [sic] euadere non potuit.

T. Y. assaulted H. K. at Lincoln, and struck him with a knife in the throat, and pursued the said H. with intent to kill, and the said H. thereupon struck the said T. with a knife worth 2d. so that he died; and the jurors say that H. could not otherwise have escaped with his life.

Marg: LINCOLN'

58. Item iuratores ciuitatis Lincoln' videlicet Iohannes de Eperston' de Lincoln' Iohannes Shipman de eadem Iohannes de Bultham de eadem Thomas Filleson' de eadem Thomas Boweles de eadem Robertus de Messyngham de eadem Robertus de Askam de eadem Willelmus de Askeby de eadem Ricardus de Farbourn'

de eadem Iohannes de Creton' de eadem Robertus Fuster de eadem et Rogerus Cadan de eadem presentant quod Iohannes de Grissinges die dominica proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum anno regni regis nunc xlvj apud Lincoln' felonice interfecit Thomam de Northampton' sadelere. Et dicunt quod Thomas Hare de Lincoln' et Iohannes Cook seruietes Iohannis de Farlesthorpe goldsmyth fuerunt auxiliantes et consciences eidem Iohanni de Grissinges ad feloniam predictam faciendam. (*Marg*: Felonia. Accessorii.)

Marg: WELL'

59. Item presentatum est quod Iohannes Iulian de Neunton' Willelmus Smyth de Laughton' et Robertus Ioy de eadem ceperunt apud Neuton' super Trent anno xlvij pro falcacione cuiuslibet acre prati per ipsos falcatos [sic] videlicet de Hugone de Clifton' et alijs viij d. pro acra vbi capere deberent per statutum v d. et non plus et sic ceperunt videlicet quilibet eorum in excessum [sic] anno supradicto iij s. iij d. contra formam ordinacionis, etc.

J. J., W. S., and R. J. received from H. de C. in the 47th year, 8d. an acre for every acre of meadow mowed by them, whereas according to the statute they should have had 5d. and not more, and thus each of them received during that year excess wages amounting to 3s. 4d.

60. Item presentant quod Elena Martyn de Neuton' cepit per dietas in autumpno anno supradicto quolibet die iij d. et prandium suum pro messione bladorum videlicet de Hugone de Lee et alijs apud Neuton' de excessu ad summam ij s.

Marg: LAURIZ

61. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas Faukener Nicholaus de Ornesby Nicholaus de Compenay Thomas Stagg' Iohannes de Croftes Rogerus de Welyngham Willelmus Hamay Iohannes Cossler Walterus Freman Willelmus Burdon' Ricardus Auburn' Simon Mathew et Iohannes Furry presentant quod Petrus Hayward de Fiskerton' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Petri aduineula anno xlvij Auissiam vxorem Hugonis Spenser de Fiskerton' apud Fiskerton' felonice rapuit. (*Marg*: Felonia.)

62. Item presentant quod Robertus Thekere de Skamton' cepit apud Saxelby tempore yemali anno xlvij quolibet die duos denarios et prandium vnde cepit de excessu iij s. iij d. et predictus Robertus alias coram prefatis iusticiariis fecit finem pro huiusmodi excessiuo salario capiendo et iuratus fuit ad ordinacionem de seruientibus editam conseruandam.

R. T. received 2d. a day and his dinner in winter time in the 47th year, whereby he had 3s. 4d. excess wages, and the said R. had previously been fined by the justices for such excess wages, and had taken the oath to observe the ordinance of labourers.

63. Et quod Alicia seruiens Willelmi de Scamton' de North Carlton' qui assignata fuit et onerata per constabularium ville de Northkarlton' ad deseruiendum Abbati de Berlynges ad blada sua

metenda tempore autumpni anno xlvij eadem Alicia pro maiori salario capiendo deullauit et eidem Abbati deseruire recusauit in regis contemptum etc.

A., servant of W. de S., who was appointed and charged by the constable of North Carlton to serve the abbot of Barlings at reaping his corn in the autumn in the 47th year, left the town to get higher wages and refused to serve the said abbot.

64. Et quod Robertus Ratel de Lincoln' theker cepit de domina Matille Marion et alijs apud Cherwellyngham quolibet die anno xlvij tres denarios et prandium suum et sic cepit de excessu anno supradicto x s.

Marg: CORRINGHAM

65. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Nicholaus atte Halle Iohannes Clak Henricus Allot' Iohannes filius Roberti Thomas de Norton' Iohannes Godesson' Willelmus de Lymbergh' Iohannes Ulcok' Dunstanus de Creppynges Willelmus de Morby Iohannes Scot et Willelmus atte Bek presentant quod Iohanna atte Flete de Scoter¹ die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlvij felonice furata fuit de Iohanne Pardoner xiiij s. iiij d. apud Scoter et asportauit. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ See nos. 229, 230, below, and App. VII, p. 117, below.

Marg: MANLE

66. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Ricardus de Clyderhowe Iohannes de Themelby Thomas de Morton' Iohannes de Grane Iacobus de Tiryngton' Robertus Daukous Iohannes de Blaketoft' Oliuerus atte Halle Hugo de Malton' Iohannes Brese-tyMBER Nicholaus Tebbe Willelmus Norton' et Ricardus filius Willelmi presentant quod Ricardus Taskere¹ de Flixburgh' nuper seruiens Willelmi de Belesby die Martis proximo ante festum Epiphanie domini anno xlvij octo saccos canabi precij v s. et nouem vlnas panni linei precij iiij s. de predicto Willelmo de Belesby apud Flixburgh' felonice cepit et asportauit. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

67. Item presentant quod Iohannes Wallyng de Appelby souter vendidit sotulares apud Appelby et alijs mercatis [sic] anno xlvij videlicet Iohanni Wasselynman et alijs et cepit lucrum excessium ad summam v s. contra statutum.

68. Et quod Iohannes Wallyng de Appelby barkere vendidit diuersa coria tannata apud Appelby et alibi anno supradicto et cepit lucrum excessium ad summam iij s. iiij d.

Marg: YORDEBURGH

69. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Robertus de Kedale Hugo atte Halle Ricardus de Laughton' Ranulphus de Gryseby Ricardus Scot de Croxton' Iohannes Barke de Keleshay Willelmus de Northby Willelmus de Haynton' Iohannes de Barewe

Iohannes atte Kirke de Hakyng' Iohannes de Rason et Robertus de Fordam presentant quod Iohannes de Fraunce¹ seruiens Thome Neuill' de Wolriby die Lune proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno xlvij apud Wolriby clausum Willelmi de Doure [?] deurgauit et ibidem diuersas pisces videlicet anguillas et pykes precij iij s. iiii d. felonice cepit et asportauit. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

70. Et quod Iohanna filia Nicholai Skayman die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Bothulphi abbatis anno xlvij apud Wolriby requisita per constabularium eiusdem ville ad laborandum et capiendum iuxta formam ordinacionis de seruientibus edite eadem Iohanna hoc idem facere omnino recusauit in regis contemptum etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

71. Et quod Willelmus Tart¹ de Feriby die Iouis proximo post festum Corporis [Christi] anno xlvij domum Philippi filii Walteri apud Southferiby deurgauit et tres libras lane precij decem denariorum abinde felonice furatus fuit et asportauit. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

72. Et quod Hugo Taskere de Goushill¹ die proximo post festum sancti Petri in cathedra anno xlvij quatuor bussellos ordei Alani Draper precij xviii d. apud Goushill' felonice furatus fuit et asportauit. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

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Adhuc de indietamentis captis coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis in partibus de Lyndeseye de anno regni regis Edwardi xlvij.

Marg: LOUTHESK

73. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod vbi Robertus filius Philippi Taillour de Luda retentus fuit in seruicio Prioris de Ormesby apud Northornesby ad commorandum cum eodem priore a festo sancti Martini anno regni regis nunc xlvj^{to} per vnum annum integrum tunc proxime sequentem predictus Robertus a seruicio ipsius prioris ante finem termini predicti sine causa racionabili et licencia ipsius prioris recessit videlicet ad festum purificationis beate Marie anno supradicto in regis contemptu et contra formam ordinacionis inde edite. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

Marg: CALSWATH

74. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Gilbertus Smyth' de Keseby in exercendo [sic] artificium suum apud Beseby cepit lucrum excessiuum per duos annos iam proxime preteritos videlicet vbi capere solebat pro tribus ferris equorum ponendis j d. cepit pro duobus ferris ponendis j d. Et vbi capere solebat

pro quatuor gaddis asseri operandis j d. idem Robertus cepit pro duobus gaddis operandis j d. et sic cepit per excessum xij d. et ultra. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

G. S. has been taking excess profits in working at his trade at Beesby for the past two years, namely, whereas he used to take 1*d.* for putting on three horseshoes, he has been taking 1*d.* for putting on two; and whereas he used to take 1*d.* for working four gaddles of steel he has been taking 1*d.* for working two, and thus has taken 12*d.* and more in excess.

75. Item presentant quod vbi Margareta Dowe de Beseby onerata fuit per constabularios eiusdem ville ad seruiendum iuxta formam ordinacionis de seruientibus edite eadem Margareta hoc facere omnia [sic] recusauit in regis contemptum etc.

Marg: CALSWATH'

76. Item iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Ricardus de Akers Iohannes Coke Ramulphus Lake Willelmus Galay Thomas Palmere Iohannes de Barton' Rogerus Couper Robertus Raynald Walterus Southie Iohannes Donnay Robertus Shepard et Iohannes Polle presentant quod Iohannes Milner¹ de Warholme die Lune proximo post festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno xlvj apud Warholme rapuit Elenam vxorem Roberti Houke de Warholme et bona et catalla sua ad valenciam decem librarum ibidem inuenta furtiue cepit et asportauit. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

77. Item presentant quod Iohannes Wallar¹ de Ormesby die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iacobi apostoli anno regni regis nunc xlvj apud Lotheburgh' furtiue furatus fuit vnum equum precij xx s. de Willelmo de Kele. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

Marg: HORNCASTRE

78. Item iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes Seriaunt de Marying Thomas filius Iohannis de Tynton' Iohannes Tympan' de Horncastre Ricardus de Halton' de eadem Willelmus Couper de eadem Ricardus Cartere de eadem Willelmus Toli de Enderbi Thomas Tayllour de eadem Willelmus filius Custancie de Tynton' Ricardus Spenser de eadem Iohannes de Sandford de Holtham et Robertus de Oxecombe presentant quod Robertus Gascall' de Waldneuton' cum alijs ignotis die Lune proximo post festum sancti Laurencii anno xlij Henricum de Exton' capellanum vicarium ecclesie de Vlseyby apud Hawardby noctanter ceperunt et arestauerunt et eum sub aresto detinuerunt quousque triginta solidos argenti a prefato Henrico furtiue ceperunt et asportauerunt. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

R. G. and other unknown persons captured H. de E., the vicar of Ulceby, at night, and kept him under arrest until they had stolen 30*s.* in silver from him. See nos. 79, 111, 334, 336, 343, 352, and 353, below, and App. XVIII, p. 130, below.

79. Et quod idem Robertus die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlv quandam vaccam Nicholai Twyte de Fotherby apud Fotherby precij xv s. furtive furatus fuit. (*Marg: Felonia. Mar[escalcia].*)

80. Item presentant quod Iohannes Ammory de Horneastre senescallus episcopi Carlisl¹ venit die Lune proximo post festum Pasche anno xlv^{to} regis nunc ad domum Iohannis Condewoke de Horneastre et ibidem vnum quarterium carcrosij bouini precij v s. contra voluntatem ipsius Iohannis Condewoke cepit et asportauit ad domum suam propriam. (*Marg: Ammory.*)

J. A., seneschal of the bishop of Carlisle, came to the house of J. C. and there took a quarter of ox-hides worth 5s. against the will of the said J. C., and carried them off to his own house.

¹The bishop of Carlisle from 1363 to 1396 was Thomas Appleby, see Stubbs, *Registrum Sacrum Anglicanum*.

81. Et quod idem Iohannes anno regni regis nunc xlvij dum fuit senescallus ipsius episcopi cepit apud Horneastre colore officii sui de Thoma Broune pro manucepione sua xl s. per extorcionem et quod idem Iohannes cepit ibidem de quodam Roberto Couper anno supradicto xx s. per extorcionem.

The same J., while seneschal of the said bishop, took 40s. from T. B. for mainprise, under pretext of his office, extortionately, and he likewise took 20s. extortionately from R. C.

82. Et quod idem Iohannes (ponit se¹) die Mercurii proximo post festum assumepcionis beate Marie anno xlvij [ubi] quedam inquisicio capienda fuit de villata de Horneastre coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis iusticiariis et xij hominibus [sic] iuratis ad inquirendum pro domino rege concordati fuerunt super veredictum suum in quo veredicto continebantur diuerse felonie et transgressiones et veredictum predictum scriptum et examinatum ad reddendum prefatis iusticiariis predictus Iohannes Amory venit ibidem obuiando Simoni de Douwode vno iuratorum predictorum et librum veredicti predicti a manibus ipsius Simonis extraxit et illud per Radulfum Fole de Horneastre arderi et ad nichilare fecit in domini regis contemptum et curie sue decepcionem. Et statim post idem Iohannes (quietus¹) fecit vnum alium veredictum eodem die more et assensu suo proprio in quo veredicto diuersi homines patrie indictati fuerunt sine assensu et voluntate predictorum iuratorum quod quidem veredictum idem Iohannes deliberauit prefatis iusticiariis attraendo sibi regalem potestatem.

When an inquest was to be held at Horneastle before Robert de Wylughby and his fellow-justices, and the twelve men sworn to make inquiry on the king's behalf were agreed upon their verdict, which contained diuers felonies and trespasses, and which had been written out and proved in order to be returned to the justices, the said J. A. came to meet S. de D., one of the said jurors, and took the record of the verdict from his hands, and caused it to be burnt and destroyed by R. F. And immediately on the same day the said J. made another verdict to his own liking, in which diuers men of the neighbourhood were indicted without the consent or will of the said jurors, and this verdict the said J. delivered to the justices, taking upon himself royal authority. See App. VIII, p. 119, below.

83. Et quod idem Iohannes dum fuit senescallus ipsius episcopi apud Horneastre in tenendo curiam ipsius episcopi noluit pati tenentes eiusdem curie afforari per pares suos prout de iure vti consueuerat set solomodo ad voluntatem suam propriam. Et sic oppressit tenentes eiusdem curie quousque fines et redempciones ad voluntatem suam fecerunt qui quidem [sic] fines et redempciones idem Iohannes cepit de diuersis tenentibus eiusdem curie per quatuor annos iam proxime elapsos ac summam xl librarum ad maximam oppressionem populi et contra pacem etc.

The same J., while he was seneschal of the said bishop, in holding the bishop's court at Horneastle would not allow the tenants of the court to be affected by their peers, as had been the custom by right, but only at his own will. And in this way he oppressed the tenants of the court until they paid fine and ransom at his will; and these fines and ransoms he has taken from diuers tenants of the court during the past four years, to the amount of £40, to the great oppression of the people etc.

84. Item presentant quod Iohannes filius Radulfi de Maryng' dum fuit balliuus episcopi Carliol' ad manerium suum de Horneastre ad magnam curiam episcopi ibidem die Lune proximo post festum Pasche anno xlj Ricardum Spenser de Horneastre Henricum filium Radulfi de Maryng' de eadem Ricardum de Burton' de eadem et Ricardum de Alton' de eadem presentauit esse communes forstallatores diuersorum victualium in eadem villa sine assensu et voluntate quatuor presentatorum curie predictae et contra voluntatem et assensum magne inquisicionis eiusdem curie per quam presentacionem sic false et ex malicia sua factam ijdem Ricardus Henricus Ricardus et Ricardus amiserunt ad curiam predictam per graua amerciamenta lx s. ad maximum dampnum predictorum Ricardi et aliorum et contra legem etc.

J., son of R. de M., while bailiff of the bishop of Carlisle at his manor of Horneastle, presented R. S. and others at the great court of the bishop as common forestallers of diuers victuals in the said town, without the consent and will of the four presentors of the said court and against the will and assent of the grand jury of the said court, and by reason of this false and malicious presentment the said R. and the others lost 60s. in heavy amercements.

85. Item presentant quod Iohannes filius Walteri de Foderyngton' venit apud Dalderby in festo translacionis sancti Benedicti anno xlvj et in Willelmo filium Henrici de Adryngton' insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem domini regis etc.

86. Et quod idem Iohannes filius Walteri die Lune proximo post festum sancti Petri anno supradicto in Henricum filium Roberti apud Dalderby insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit etc.

87. Item presentant quod Willelmus de Holbech' barkere seruiens Roberti Knotte de Conyngesby in seruicio ipsius Rogeri retentus apud Conyngesby a festo sancti Martini anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo sexto per vnum annum integrum tunc proxime

sequentem ab eodem seruiicio ante finem [termini] predicti sine causa racionabili et licencia ipsius Rogeri recessit in regis contemptum et contra formam ordinacionis inde edite.

[*m. 3d.*]

Marg: HILL'

88. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes Muriell' Philippus de Stanesby Robertus Burdon' Willelmus Geuell' Robertus Rynge Willelmus Rabot Iohannes de Tateshale Henricus filius Iohannis Iohannes de Holand Robertus Proketoure Robertus filius Willelmi et Iohannes Warner presentant quod Hugo Lene de Langton¹ furatus fuit furtiue die Dominica proxima post festum decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo quinto frumentum in garbis apud Langton' de Iohanne de Langton' precij vj s. viij d. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

89. Et quod predictus Hugo Lene furatus fuit furtiue die Martis proximo post festum sancti Martini anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo sexto aucas et galinas precij xld. de Iohanne Arthurgh' de Langton' apud Langton' et est communis latro.

Marg: WRAGHOWER

90. Iuratores hundredi de Wraghowe videlicet Henricus Horne de Haynton' Iohannes Martyn de Keuermond Iohannes atte Graunge de Houton' Thomas Wace de Wolyngham Thomas de Neuton' de Lissyngton' Petrus de Malteby de Fulnetby Iohannes Biddes de Haynton' Iohannes filius Alani de Langwath Robertus de Haynton' de Tyryngton' Simon Est de Burgh' Ricardus Haulay de Houton' et Radulfus Baxstere de Wykyngby presentant quod Alicia¹ filia Ricardi Dewesbery de Neubell die Dominica in festo sancte Trinitatis anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo septimo apud Neubell' furtiue furata fuit vnam patellam eneam precij xij d. et vnum lintheamen de Willelmo de Brinkhill' de Neubell' precij x d. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

91. Item presentant quod Adam Theker de Staynfeld die Dominica proxima post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xlvij apud Staynfeld requisitus fuerat per Iohannem Smyth' constabularium de Staynfeld ad faciendum sacramentum de statuto de operariis nuper edito et de seruientibus conseruando qui quidem Adam hoc facere omnino recusauit in contemptum domini regis.

A. T. was ordered by the constable of Stainfield to take the oath for observing the recent statute of labourers and servants, and refused altogether to do so.

92. Item presentant quod cum constabularius et quatuor homines villate de Sotteby habuerunt diem essendi coram prefatis Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis iusticiariis apud Horncastre

die Sabbati proximo ante festum sancte Margarete virginis anno xlvij per premissacionem eis factam ijdem tamen constabularius et quatuor homines ad diem predictum venire recusarunt per quorum absenciam negocia domini regis ad diem illum ceperunt dilacionem.

93. Item presentant quod Thomas Hayne de Wulnyngham die Sabbati in vigilia Pentecostes anno xlvij apud Wulnyngham in Iohannam vxorem Roberti de Haugham insultum fecit et ipsam verberavit [et] vulneravit contra pacem etc.

Marg: CALSWATH

94. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes de Langton Hugo Toures de Hoggesthorpe Willelmus Leybourn' de Leybourn' Gilbertus Haman de Swaby Iohannes Palle de Alford Walterus Lewlyne de Munby Robertus Hacon de Thetilthorpe Walterus Heryng' de Skytheby Thomas Baxstere de Hilbertoft' Thomas atte Well' de Munby Willelmus Warner de Marbelthorpe et Hugo Vleeby de Beseby presentant quod Willelmus (quietus^l) persona medietatis ecclesie de Baghenderby die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Gregorij pape anno regni regis nunc post conquestum xlvij domum Margarete de Toures apud Hagworthyngham noctanter intrauit et quatuor vlnas panni lanci de russeto precij quatuor solidorum [cepit]. (*Marg*: Felonia. Quietus per patriam.)

Marg: LUDA

95. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Elias Fraunceys Ricardus de Haghham Ricardus Trewe de Aluyngham Simon Adrian de Luda Thomas Huwet de Aluyngham Iohannes de Lymbergh' Ricardus de Kaylstorpe Willelmus filius Henrici de Haghham Willelmus Muslay de Garnethorpe Robertus filius Ade de eadem Willelmus Palmere de Yordeburgh' et Thomas filius Petri de Grymesby presentant quod Iohannes Buley de Karleton' die Dominica in festo Sancte Trinitatis anno xlvij apud Carleton' felonice interfecit Thomam Henry de Carleton'. (*Marg*: Felonia.)

96. Item iuratores wapentaki predicti [Louth Esk] presentant quod Robertus de Haghham de Wuluyngham est communis laborarius et per constabularium de Wuluyngham sepius requisitus ad seruiendum in eadem villa secundum ordinacionem de seruientibus editam idem tamen Robertus hoc idem iurare aut in eadem villa deseruire recusavit. Et predictus Robertus constabularium eiusdem ville in faciendo officium suum super Iohannam vxorem ipsius Roberti et alios laboratores eiusdem ville per diuersas vices anno regni regis nunc xlvij totaliter impediuit in regis contemptum et contra formam ordinacionis predictae.

R. de H. is a common labourer, and has often been required by the constable to serve in Willingham according to the ordinance of labourers, but he refuses to take the oath or to serve in that town. And the said R. on various occasions in the 47th year altogether hindered the constable in doing his duty with regard to J., R.'s wife, and other labourers of that town.

Marg: YORDBURGH

97. Iuratores wappentaci de Yordeburgh presentant quod Matillis Gamel laboraria recessit a seruiicio Iohannis Broumaleynson' et assignata fuit ei per constabularium de Gousill' pro maiore salario capiendo contra statutum de seruientibus editum.

98. Item presentant quod Willelmus Mawar de Wolryby recessit extra villam de Wolryby in tempore estimale pro excessiuo salario capiendo contra formam statuti de seruientibus editi nec uoluit iurare prout modus est.

99. Item presentant quod Thomas Souter de Keleby apud Keleby assignatus fuit per constabularium de Keleby quod seruaret Hugonem [sic] atte Halle in officio messoris in tempore autumpnali pro salario competente [et] idem Thomas predicto Hugoni deseruire recusauit omnino recusatum.

T. T. was appointed by the constable to serve H. H. as mower in the autumn for a suitable wage, and refused altogether to work for him.

100. Item presentant quod Emma Knyght de Northkelsay assignata fuit per constabularium de Northkelsay ad laborandum cum Rogero Dampere in messione bladorum suorum [et] dicta Emma eidem Rogero deseruire omnino recusauit.

101. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Gaby de [illegible] Iohannes de Gaby de Gousill' et Adam seruiens Ricardi Walker de Barwe in festo sancti Laurentii martiris anno regni regis nunc xlvij apud Thornton' super Humber in Iohannem Sitout de Barton' vi et armis insultum fecit [sic] verberauit [et] vulnerauit contra pacem etc.

102. Item presentant quod Willelmus Gecke de Coatre seruiens Roberti de Hundon' chinaler die Dominica proxima ante festum assumptionis beate Marie virginis anno regni regis nunc xlvij apud Dancastru in Iohannem Burre vi et armis insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit [et] vulnerauit contra pacem etc.

103. Item presentant quod quatuor homines et prepositus de Feriby non uenerunt ad presentandum sicut summoniti fuerunt et quatuor homines et prepositus de Molton' Ricardus de Homildon' de Wolricby et constabularius Thomas Neucl de eadem et Iohannes Clerksouth similiter non uenerunt ad presentandum [per quod] negocia domini regis ceperunt dilacionem ad graue dampnum regis. (*Marg: Villata.*)

The four men and the reeve of [South] Ferriby failed to come and make presentments when summoned, and the four men and the reeve of Molton, R. de H. of Worlaby and the constable, T. N., and J. C. also failed to come, whereby the king's business was delayed.

104. Item presentant quod Iuliana Emme de Saxby laboratrix recusat deseruire in villa de Saxby isto tempore autumpnali videlicet anno quadagesimo septimo set deuillauit pro excessiuo salario capiendo contra statutum regis etc.

105. Item presentant quod Alicia Hermar de Humberstayne recusat deseruire in villa de Humberstayne et deuillauit pro maiori salario capiendō contra statutum.

Marg: BRADLE

106. Iuratores hundredi predicti presentant quod die Iouis proximo ante festum sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo septimo Emma Bayning' communis laboraria de Clee assignata fuit ad laborandum in authumpno cum Thoma Moyne et dicta Emma recusauit laborare cum dicto Thoma et noluit iustificari per constabularium eiusdem [ville] in regis contemptum etc.

107. Item dicunt quod die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlvj apud Clee Iohannes filius Ricardi de Itterby venit vi et armis et in Seciliam Lede de Clee insultum fecit et dictam Seciliam verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

[*m.* 4]

DE ANNO XLVIJ

Adhuc de indictamentis captis coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis iusticiariis de anno xlvij.

Marg: [HO]RNCASTRE

108. Iuratores presentant quod vbi Iohannes Coket de Kernyngton' Willelmus filius Willelmi de eadem Robertus filius Roberti de eadem et Robertus othe Roche de eadem summoniti fuerunt per constabularium ville de Kernyngton' essendi coram prefatis iusticiariis die Lune proximo post festum sancti Bothulphi abbatis apud Castre anno xlvij ad presentandum simul cum alijs pro domino rege etc. ipsi tamen ibidem venire recusarunt per quorum absenciam negocia domini regis ad diem predictum ceperunt dilacionem. (*Marg:* Villata.)

When J. C., W., R., and R. R. were summoned by the constable of Kirmington to come with others before the iustices to make presentments on the king's behalf, they refused to come there, whereby the king's business was delayed on that day.

109. Item presentant quod Iohannes filius Sibille de Swallowe die Martis proximo post festum assumepcionis beate Marie anno xlvij venit infra territorium de Croxeby et abinde cepit et abduxit Aliciam Treu de Croxeby vsque Swallowe dando ei per totum autumpnum quolibet die quatuor denarios et prandium quos eadem Alicia ab eodem Iohanne cepit contra formam ordinacionis inde editi [sic].

J., son of S. de S., came into the territory of Croxby and carried off A. T. to Swallow, giving her 4d. a day and her food for the whole autumn, which the said A. received from him, against the ordinance etc.

110 Item presentant quod Willelmus Melton' Iohannes Smyth' et Iohannes Chapman homines de Oueresby et Iohannes

Malote de Midrason' non venerunt coram iusticiariis apud Thwancastre die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlvij ad informandum pro domino rege iuratores de Walescroft prout summoniti fuerunt per quorum absentiam negocia domini regis ad diem predictum ceperunt dilacionem

W. M., J. S., and J. C., the men of Owersby, and J. M. of Middle Rasen, failed to come before the justices to give the jurors information on the king's behalf, when summoned, whereby the king's business was delayed.

111. Item presentant quod Robertus Gascal de Waldneuton' Iohannes de Freston' clericus Roberti Gascal et Iohannes filius Andree de Wynn die Veneris in vigilia annunciacionis beate Marie anno xlvij [sic] clausum Prioris de Sixhill apud Teuelby frugerunt et arbores suas ibidem crescentes ad valenciam x librarum succiderunt et asportauerunt contra defencionem prioris et conuentus eiusdem

R. G., J. de F., his clerk, and J., son of A. de W., broke the close of the prior of Sixhill and cut down and carried off trees of his growing there, to the value of £10. See nos. 78, 79, 334, 336, 343, 352 and 353, below.

112. Et quod Adam de Knaresburgh' die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Marcij Ewangeliste anno xlj Iohannem Gyboun de Westrasoyn apud Westrason cepit imprisonauit et eum in prisona quousque finem per xl denarios cum prefato Adam fecisset detinuit.

Marg: MANLE

113. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Robertus de Beltoft Olyerus atte Halle Thomas de Wrauby Robertus Daucus Iohannes Bresetymber Willelmus de Norton' Willelmus Chapman de Redburn' Ricardus Cadan de Messyngham Iohannes Randesson' de Beltoft' Simon de Beltoft' Iohannes Nelesson' de Ouston' et Nicholaus Tebbe presentant quod Iohannes de Rason¹ de Glannforthbrigge et Iohannes Blake¹ de eadem die Iouis proximo post festum translacionis sancti Thome martiris anno xlvij apud Cais-thorpe felonice interfecerunt Thomas [sic] Fisshere de Thornholm'.² (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

² See App. IX, p. 120, below.

114. Item presentant quod Rogerus de Blithe¹ de Westfery in crastino inuencionis sancte Crucis anno xlvij vnum equum Roberti Ibbotesson' apud Stratton' iuxta Sealby felonice furatus fuit et abduxit. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

115. Item presentant quod Iohannes filius Emme¹ de Wynterton' die Lune proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno xlvj apud Wynterton' tres bidentes Hugonis de Feriby precij v s. felonice furatus fuit et abduxit. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

116. Item presentant quod Iohannes Senyer¹ de Boryngham die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Laurencii anno xlvij

apud Boryngham felonice interfecit Ricardum Milnere. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

117. Item presentant quod Thomas filius Thome Peronell' de Felyngham et Thomas filius Henrici de Bakhawe de Felyngham seruientes Ade de Eueryngham chiualer in officio carucanorum retenti ab eodem seruicio ante finem termini inter eos concordati videlicet in festo sancti Barnabi apostoli anno xlvij sine causa racionabili et licencia ipsius Ade apud Felyngham recessit [sic] vbi ijdem Thomas filius Thome et alij commorasse debuissent vsque ad festum sancti Martini anno supradicto. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

118. Item presentant quod vbi constabularii domini regis ville de Appelby die Lune proximo post festum sancte Margarete virginis anno xlvij iuxta officij sui debitum attachiassent Aliciam vxorem Willelmi Sterre de Appelby et Robertus [sic] Tailleur de eadem ac quosdam alios laboratores eiusdem ville ad seruiendum communitati eiusdem ville tempore autumpni anno supradicto prout solebant ijdem Alicia et Robertus attachiamentum predictum vi et armis rescusserunt et abinde in aliam villam recesserunt pro maiori salario recipiendo in contemptum domini regis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

When the constables of Appleby, in pursuance of their duty, would have attached A., the wife of W. S., and R. T., and other labourers to serve the community of the said town in the autumn of the 47th year, as they had been wont to do, the said A. and R. resisted the attachment with force and arms, and departed to another town to get higher wages.

119. Item presentant quod Willelmus de Staynton' thekere cepit quolibet die tempore iemali anno xlvj in villis de Staynton' et Atherby de Waltero Neuill et alijs. iij d. ad tascam et sic cepit per excessum tempore predicto ij s. in contemptum domini regis etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

W. de H., a thatcher, received 4d. a day for piece-work in winter, in the 46th year, and thus had 2s. in excess wages at that time.

120. Item presentant quod Isabella filia Ade Clerk de Stratton' iuxta Scaldeby die Veneris proximo post festum exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno xlvij apud Stratton' domum Iohannis Chaumpeneys contra voluntatem suam intrauit et dimidiam petram casei precii v d. cepit et asportauit contra pacem etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

121. Item presentant quod Beatrix vxor Iohannis Smyth' de Redbourn' et Isabella vxor Willelmi Smyth' de eadem annis regni regis nunc xlvj et xlvij apud Redbourn' vendiderunt ceruisiam et ceperunt lucrum excessiuum quilibet eorum ad summam ij s. contra statutum inde editum. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

122. Item presentant quod Agnes vxor Iohannis Doy de Messyngham et Alicia de Felyngham de Messyngham laborarij recusarunt deseruire apud Messyngham iuxta formam ordinacionis

de seruiantibus edite set solomodo ad voluntatem suam propriam aliquo statuto non obstante. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

Marg: GAYNESBURGH

123. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes de Aseby de Gaynesburgh' Rogerus de Northolm de eadem Ricardus Barkere de eadem Willelmus de Waterton' de eadem Robertus Porter de eadem Robertus Shelford de eadem Walterus de Morton' de eadem Willelmus Clerk de eadem Iohannes de Skitgate de eadem Willelmus de Crosseby de eadem Willelmus Hulle de eadem et Henricus Belle de eadem presentant quod Thomas de Pariche de Gaynesburgh'¹ in festo translacionis sancti Thome martiris anno xlvj apud Gaynesburgh' felonice interfecit Willelmum Pykowe de eadem. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

124. Item presentant quod Adam Godyer de Gaynesburgh' Iohannes seruiens predicti Ade et Hugo quondam seruiens predicti Ade Godyer die Dominica proxima ante festum sancti Petri aduincula anno xlvij vi et armis insultum fecerunt Roberto Tolord de Gaynesburgh' apud Gaynesburgh' et ipsum verberauerunt et vulnerauerunt ita quod de vita ipsius Roberti disperabatur contra pacem etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

125. Et quod Willelmus (fecit finem!) de Yordeburch' de Gaynesburgh' die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Iacobi apostoli anno supradicto apud Gaynesburgh' noctanter insultum fecit Willelmo Bullok' vno vigilatorum domini regis ville predictae et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit ita quod de vita eius desperabatur contra pacem domini regis. (*Marg: Fecit finem. Transgressio.*)

W. de Y. assaulted W. B., one of the watch, at Gainsborough by night, beat, wounded, and ill-treated him, so that his life was despaired of.

126. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Hamson' de Gaynesburgh' die Martis proximo ante festum assumptionis beate Marie anno xlvij apud Gaynesburgh' vi et armis insultum fecit Willelmo Cook de Gaynesburgh' et ipsum cum vno gysearm verberauit et brachium suum fregit contra pacem etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

127. Et quod Hugo Knyght de Gaynesburgh' die Martis proximo ante festum sancti Petri aduincula anno xlvij noctanter insultum fecit Willelmo Clerk de Gaynesburgh' et ipsum Willelmum prosecutus fuit in domum suam propriam. Et dicunt quod idem Hugo est communis malefactor et perturbator pacis domini regis apud Gaynesburgh' et alibi in patria contra pacem etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

Marg: CORYNGHAM

128. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Nicholaus atte Halle Henricus Allot Ricardus de Partenay Iohannes Glack Iohannes de Welmergham Willelmus de Moreby Iohannes filius Roberti

Willelmus de Burton' Willelmus Henry Donstanus de Crespynges Willelmus Hardy et Iohannes de Carleton' de Donstall' presentant quod Ricardus¹ seruiens Iohannis vicarii de Coryngham in festo sancti Petri aduincula anno xlvij apud Coryngham vnum vellus lane predicti vicarii precij xij d. felonice furatus fuit et asportauit etc. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

129. Item presentant quod Ricardus seruiens Thome filius Alexandri de Coryngham in officio caruearii retentus in festo sancti Petri aduincula anno xlvij apud Coryngham extra seruicium predicti Thome recessit contra formam statuti qui conductus fuit vsque ad festum sancti Martini proxime sequentem. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

130. Item presentant quod Robertus Nobell [?] de Coryngham capellanus in festo assumptionis beate Marie anno xlvij apud Coryngham Isabellam vxorem Roberti Vaysyn vi et armis verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

131. Item presentant quod Alicia vxor Iohannis Geuyn laboraria recessit extra villam de Coryngham ad laborandum alibi pro excessiuo salario capiendo in autumpno anno xlvij. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

132. Item presentant quod Agneta vxor tasker de Sothero laboraria recessit extra predictam villam pro excessiuo salario alibi capiendo in autumpno anno xlvij contra statutum.

133. Item presentant quod Iohannes Auablesson' othe Barn et Ricardus filius eius die Dominica proxima post festum exaltationis sancte Crucis anno xlvij apud Wilesworth' fecerunt rescussum constabulario domini regis attachiando eos ad pacem domini regis etc.

J. A. and R., his son, resisted the king's constable as he was attaching them to [keep] the peace.

[*m. Ad.*]

Marg: CORYNGHAM

134. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Rogerus Steukele de Northorpe mauher in autumpno anno xlvij apud Northorpe cepit de Ricardo de Partenay et alijs xij d. pro falcacione vnus acre terre contra statutum summa excessus x s. etc.

135. Item presentant quod Iohannes filius Thome Rede de Teryngton' de Laghton' die Veneris proximo post festum Corporis Christi anno xlvij apud Laghton' in Iohannem Harper de eadem vi et armis insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tract[au]it contra pacem.

Marg: LAURIZ

136. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Willelmus Pentnay noluit stare attachiamento constabulariorum de Faldyngworth set rebellis fuit et tractauit cultellum et voluisset interfecisse

predictos constabularios in festo Pentecostes anno xlvij contra pacem etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

W. P. would not submit to attachment by the constables, but was disobedient and drew his knife and would have killed them.

137. Item presentant quod Iohannes Thekar de Faldyngworth cepit per diem circa festum sancte Margarete virginis anno xlvij de Nicholao filio Radulfi de Snartforth prandium [et] v d. contra statutum etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

138. Item presentant quod Willelmus de Legbourn' vi et armis venit in clausum Willelmi de Hannay in parochia de Markby et ibidem abduxit seruientem suum contra pacem et statutum domini regis in crastino Epiphanie domini anno xlvij. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

139. Item presentant quod Thomas Shepherd seruiens Iohannis de Colyngham in villa de Burton' iuxta ciuitatem Lincoln' [venit] vi et armis contra balliuum domini regis in faciendo officium suum et rebellis est constabulariis et noluit attachiari per eos neque stare ad attachiamentum set fregit attachiamentum contra pacem domini regis die Martis proximo ante festum sancti Ambrosij anno xlvij. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

T. S., servant of J. de C. [attacked] the king's bailiff in the performance of his duty and resists the constables and would not be attached but broke the attachment.

140. Item presentant quod Thomas Scail' de Faldyngworth' verberauit Iohannem Smyth' de eadem die Iouis proximo post festum sancte Trinitatis anno xlvij contra pacem etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

141. Item presentant quod villata de Faldyngworth' et villata de Torkesay non venerunt coram prefatis iusticiariis et habuerunt diem per premonicionem essendi coram iusticiariis die Martis proximo post festum decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlvij ad presentandum simul etc. per quorum absenciam negocia domini regis ceperunt dilacionem etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

The townships of Faldingworth and Torksey failed to come before the justices, though they were given a day, by summons, to be there and make presentments, whereby the king's business was delayed.

Marg: WELLEWAPPENTACUM

142. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes Maluell' Iohannes de Coryngham Iohannes de Claipole Petrus Bright' Willelmus Mortayne Iohannes Smyth' Willelmus filius Rogeri de Brampton' Robertus de Croxston' Iohannes de Estgate Willelmus Aylmer Adam de Foulstowe Iohannes Hurt et Robertus Goselyn presentant quod Ricardus de Scampton¹ shephird die Lune proximo post festum exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno regni regis nunc xlv^{to} apud Burton' iuxta Lincoln' xij bidentes Roberti de Muston' precij xxiiij s. felonice furatus fuit et abduxit etc.² (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

² See App. X, p. 121, below.

Marg: ASLAKHAWE

143. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Ricardus Sibson' Walterus Neuill' Ricardus Porter Rogerus de Hakthorn' Hugo de Normanby Iohannes de Barkeworth Iohannes de Frithorpe Rogerus de Camryngam Philippus atte Kirke Ricardus Biseg' Willelmus Marshall' et Iohannes Daulyn presentant quod Thomas Birde¹ de Faldyngworth' de Helmeswell' die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Jacobi apostoli anno xlvij apud Helmeswell' Agnetem vxorem Willelmi Grayne cum bonis et catallis predicti Willelmi videlicet pannos lineos et laneos precij xx s. felonice furatus fuit et asportauit et predictam Agnetem rapuit et abduxit contra pacem etc. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

144. Item presentant quod Alanus de Horncastre shephird nuper seruiens Ricardi Porter de Felingham recessit extra seruicium predicti Ricardi die Lune proximo post festum exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno xlvj^{to} apud Felingham ante finem termini sui contra formam statuti etc.

145. Item presentant quod Thomas Cooke seruiens Rogeri de Camryngam in officio carucarii retentus recessit extra seruicium predicti Rogeri in festo sancti Thome apostoli anno xlvj apud Felingham ante finem termini sui contra formam statuti etc.

146. Item presentant quod Iohannes Thechere de Felmyngham in vigilia sancti Petri aduincula anno xlvij apud Felyngham noctanter vi et armis in Iohannem Cauz et Petrum Cartere insultum fecit et ipsos verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

PRESENTACIONES ET INDICTAMENTA CORAM ROBERTO DE WYLUGHBY ET SOCIIS SUIS IUSTICIARIIS IN PARTIBUS DE LYNDESEYE DE ANNO REGNI REGIS NUNC XLVIJ PATENT PROUT SEQUITUR.

Marg: WRAGHOWER

147. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Henricus Horne de Haynton' Iohannes Byddes de eadem Iohannes atte Graunge de Houton' Thomas de Brinkkill' de Houton' Willelmus de Kirke-ton' de Wolyngham Robertus de Rande de Barkeworth Iohannes Curtays de Leggesby Thomas de Thornton' de Keuermond Iohannes de Malteby de Langton' Thomas Wayte de Bardenay Radulfus Baxtere de Wykyngby et Iohannes Wrighte de Haynton' presentant quod Iohanna Standepert¹ de Bardenay furata fuit vnum flamiolum de crisp precij x d. de Margareta Ka de Bardenay apud Bardenay die Dominica proxima post festum purificationis beate Marie anno xlvij. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

148. Item presentant quod Robertus Dene de Southeray Iohannes Dene de eadem Willelmus Togod de eadem et Iohannes

Cocke de eadem requisiti fuerunt per Ricardum Gladwy constabularium de Southeray ad obseruandum vigilijs in Southeray iuxta statutum Wyntonie die Iouis proximo post festum Pentecostes anno xlvij [et] ijdem Robertus Iohannes Willelmus et Iohannes predictas vigilijs obseruare recusarunt in contemptum domini regis et statuti predicti. Item presentant quod predictus Robertus Dene die et anno predictis apud Southeray insultum fecit [in] Ricardum Gladwyn constabularium de Southeray officium constabularii de predictis vigilijs exercentem contra pacem etc.¹ (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

R. D., W. T., and J. C. were ordered by the constable of Southrey to keep the watch according to the statute of Winchester in the 47th year, and refused to do so, in contempt etc. And the said R. D. assaulted the constable in the performance of his duty concerning the watch.

¹ See also no. 172 below.

149. Item presentant quod Iohannes Carter quondam manens in Appellay communis operarius iuratus fuit coram Roberto Forster[?] de Appellay constabulario de eadem villa die Dominica proxima post festum sancte Trinitatis anno xlvij apud Appellay ad operandum infra villatam [de] Appillay per totum [sic] estatem et autumpnum tunc proxime sequentes qui quidem Iohannes die Dominica proxime sequente a predicta villata de Appillay recessit causa capiendi salarium excessiuum in domini regis contemptum ac contra formam statuti etc.

J. C., late of Apley, a common labourer, took the oath before the constable on the first Sunday after Trinity to work in the said town for the whole of the following summer and autumn, but on the following Sunday he left the town to get higher wages.

150. Item presentant quod villate de Burgh' super Bayne et Ludford non venerunt ad presentandum prout summoniti fuerunt per quod negocia domini regis ceperunt dilacionem. (*Marg:* Villate.)

Marg: GAYRTRE

151. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Henricus de Raytheby Walterus Hardgray Iohannes de Sandeyd Iohannes Barne Iohannes Wadoffe Willelmus Lowyne Iohannes Walker Iohannes Togode Thomas Baker Thomas Feraunte Denny Bocher et Willelmus filius Simonis de Edlyngton' presentant quod Iohannes de Forthynghon¹ de Skendelby theker simul cum alijs ignotis venerunt apud Kelsterne die Lune proximo post festum sancti Edmundi Regis anno xlvij [et] clausum Thome atte Dale de Kelsterne noctanter fregerunt et xv solidos predicti Thome in pecunia numerata ibidem inuentos furtiue ceperunt et asportauerunt.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

152. Item presentant quod Willelmus de Walton' de Tykeswald¹ falcator requisitus fuit cum Willelmo Soke seruiente Thome de Thymelby apud Stykeswalde ad falcandum pratam predicti

Thome in Stykeswalde die Lune proximo post festum sancte Margarete virginis anno xlvij et dictus Willelmus de Walton' recusavit falcare cum dicto Thoma set recessit vsque ad Kestenfen pro excessiuo salario capiendi videlicet per diem xij d. vnde excessus sunt xx s.

¹ [Sic].

W. de W., a mower, together with W. S., servant of T. T., was ordered to mow a meadow belonging to the said T. T. at Stixwould, but refused to mow for him and departed to Kesteven to get higher wages, namely 12*d.* a day, whereby his excess wages amount to 20*s.*

Marg: HORNCASTRE

153. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Iohannes filius Roberti de Askeby venit vi et armis die Sabbati proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie anno xlvij in clausum Iohannis filii Yvonis de Askeby et in predictum Iohannem ibidem insultum fecit verberavit vulneravit et male tractavit ita quod de vita eius disperabatur contra pacem etc. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

154. Item presentant quod Robertus Tascar cepit excessiuum salarium pro trituracione anno xlvij videlicet per diem ij d. et mensam in yeme contra statutum vbi caperet nisi j d. per diem vnde cepit in excessus vj d.

155. Item presentant quod Iohanna Skyrre laboraria in Marum [est] et recessit extra villam anno xlvij in mense Augusti pro excessiuo salario capiendi contra statutum etc.

Marg: BOLYNGBROK

156. Iuratores soke de Bolynkbrok' presentant quod Robertus Mawere seruiens Ricardi filii Willelmi de Malby cepit per diem v d. in autumpno cum prandio de Ricardo de Wrangel operando cum falce vnde excessus xij d.

157. Item presentant quod Alicia de Ingoldmeles de Northolme iuxta Waynfleete assignata fuit ad laborandum in autumpno cum Thoma Walssh' de eadem per constabularium eiusdem ville die Lune proximo post festum sancti Laurentii anno xlvij et recusavit pro salario competente contra statutum.¹

¹ See also no. 186, below.

[*m.* 5]

Adhuc de presentacionibus et indicamentis captis coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis iusticiariis in partibus de Lyndeseye anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xlvij.

Marg: LOUTHESK'

158. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Elias Fraunceys de Wythcale Willelmus Scot de Saltflethauen' Iohannes de Gaudeby de Louthe Simon Adrian de eadem Willelmus de Shadworth' Willelmus Warde de Saltflethauen' Ricardus de Mysen de eadem

Iohannes de Lymbergh' de eadem Ricardus de Haghham Ricardus de Kaylesthorpe Thomas Haulay de Somercotes et Iohannes Walssh de Carleton' presentant quod quidam pons qui vocatur Southmilnebrigge in Parua Carleton' est ruinosus et non reparatur ad maximum dampnum tocuis patrie ibidem transeuntis quem quidem pontem Iohannes (sine die¹) Clement Thomas Howet (sine die¹) et Robertus Clerk (sine die¹) de Saltfletby reparare tenentur. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

A certain bridge called Southmilnebrigge is in ruins and is not being repaired, to the great damage of all of the neighbourhood passing that way; and J. C., T. H., and R. C. are responsible for repairing it.

159. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Petyt de Ryston' Iohannes de Louthe seruiens apud Vphall in Parua Carlton' et Walterus Trobet de Parua Carleton' die Iouis in festo apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno xlvij apud Magnam Carleton' in Iohannem de Fynden' seruientem Ricardi Chamberleyn insultum fecerunt et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt contra pacem etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

160. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Thorpe nuper seruiens Alani de Raytheby die Lune proxime post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlvij apud Wytheal Robertum seruientem Elie Fraunceys a seruiicio ipsius Elie ante finem termini inter eos concordati cepit et abduxit contra voluntatem ipsius Elie et contra formam ordinacionis de seruientibus edite. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

161. Item presentant quod vbi Iohannes de Outhorpe de Lincoln' habuit warantum per commissionem domini regis ad attachiandum homines maritimos in comitatu Lincoln' pro custodia et municione nauis vocate le Barge de Lincoln' idem que Iohannes de Outhorpe venit apud Saltfethauen' die Iouis proximo ante festum Ramispalmarum anno xlvij et ibidem attachiasset quendam Willelmum Gouke et quosdam alios iuxta officii sui debitum ibi venerunt quidem Willelmus de Thoresby de Saltfethauen' et Walterus de Lyndeseye de eadem vi et armis et eidem Iohanni de Outhorpe insultum fecerunt et prefatum Willelmum Gouke sic attachiatum rescusserunt et abduxerunt quo voluerunt in domini regis contemptum etc.¹

Whereas J. de O. had a warrant by commission of the king to attach seamen in Lincolnshire for the keeping and defence of a ship called le Barge of Lincoln, and whereas he came to Saltfleet Haven and would have attached W. G. and others, in pursuance of his duty, a certain W. de T. and W. de L. came there and assaulted him, and rescued the said W. G., who had been attached, and took him whither they would.

¹ William Warde was indicted in the King's Bench at Lincoln for taking 6s. 8d. by extortion from Richard Haghham to exonerate him from serving in connection with the ship 'Lyncolnbarge' (K.B. 9/59, m. 41). See also no. 278, below.

162. Item presentant quod Gilbertus Plomer de Saltfethauen' in exercendo artificium suum cepit lucrum excessiuum apud Saltfethauen' et Aluyngham et alijs villis [sic] in comitatu Lincoln'

videlicet de Iohanne Wyght de Aluyngham citra festum sancti Barnabe apostoli anno xlvij et de Amicia de Swaby et alijs anno supradicto per diuersas vices videlicet pro opere cuiuslibet libre plumbi iij d. vbi de iure capere non deberet pro libra j d. et sic cepit de excessu anno supradicto ad summam xl s. contra formam ordinacionis etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

G. P. took excess profits in working at his trade at Saltfleet Haven, Alyngham, and other towns in Lincolnshire, namely he took from J. W. and from A. de S. and others 3d. for the working of each pound of lead, whereas by right he should not have taken 1d. a pound, and thus he made excess profit amounting to 40s. that year.

163. Item presentant quod Iohannes Whithand¹ tynker et Agneta¹ vxor Iohannis Prat' tregetour die Sabbati proximo ante festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlvij apud Louthe furtiue furati fuerunt vnum mazerium precij xxx s. extra domum Iohannis Knyght' loksmyth' de Louthe. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

164. Item presentant quod Iohannes Porter de Saltflethby per diuersas vices anno xlvij et anno xlvij venit apud Saltflethauen et arrestauit vnum rete quod vocatur le Flu de Margareta et catalla ad valenciam viij s. et ea asportauit apud Skarburgh' ad graue dampnum tocius patrie ibidem. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

165. Item presentant quod Iohannes filius Matillis de Somercotes et Alicia vxor eius arrestauerunt apud Saltflethauen anno supradicto vnum rete de Agneta Skynnerre de Saltflethauen precij viij s. et catalla ad valenciam c s. et ea asportauit apud Skarburgh' ad graue dampnum tocius patrie ibidem.

Marg: CALSWATH

166. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Walterus Leulyn de Munby Walterus Heryng' de Slotheby Thomas atte Well' de Hoggesthorpe Thomas Baxtere de Slotheby Willelmus Bek de Thetelthorpe Iohannes Palle de Alford Willelmus White de Gayton' Iohannes de Ardern' de Malberthorpe Adam Smyth' de eadem Hugo de Vlceby de Beseby Iohannes de Manby de Thetelthorpe et Iohannes atte Gote de Sutton' presentant quod Iohannes Leuesson' de Struby¹ die Lune proximo post festum sancte Trinitatis anno quadragesimo octauo furtiue furatus fuit vnum bouem precij xv s. de Thoma Smyth' de Aby in campis de Aby. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

167. Item presentant quod Iohannes Soutere de Albertoft' venit ad domum Gilberti filii Roberti de Mumby apud Mumby et hospitauit ibidem die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Martini anno xlvij. Et predictus Gilbertus pannum ipsius Iohannis vi et armis cepit et penes se detinuit quousque idem Iohannes finem cum prefato Gilberto de xl denariis pro deliberacione pannorum

suorum predictorum habenda fecit contra pacem domini regis detinuit [sic]. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

J. S. came to the house of G. son of R. de M. and stayed there on the Sunday after St Martin. And the said G. took cloth belonging to J. by force, and kept it until J. paid a fine of 40*d.* for the delivery of his cloth.

168. Item presentant quod vbi Iohannes Helcok fuit in seruicio Walteri Leulyu de Mumby apud Mumby anno xlviij venit Robertus Hamysson de Hotoft et procurauit predictum Iohannem extra seruicium predicti Walteri qui quidem Iohannes Helcok a seruicio predicto die Lune in festo apostolorum Philippi et Iacobi anno xlviij sine causa rationabili et licencia ipsius Walteri ante finem termini inter eos concordati recessit in regis contemptum etc. (*Marg:* Transgressio. x.)

Whereas J. H. was in the service of W. L. in the 47th year, R. H. came and enticed him from the service of the said W. and J. H. left W.'s service without due cause and without his leave before the end of the term agreed between them.

169. Item presentant quod Iohannes filius Iohannis filii Philippi de Mumby die Lune proximo post festum sancte Trinitatis anno xlviij et in Robertum filium Thome atte Well' de Mumby apud Mumby vi et armis insultum feci [sic] et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

170. Item presentant quod Iohannes vicarius ecclesie de Hotoft Robertus de Wynecby capellanus de eadem Iohannes de Well' capellanus de eadem et Iohannes Cook seruietes eiusdem vicarii die Lune in festo apostolorum Philippi et Iacobi anno xlviij venerunt apud Mumby et ibidem domum Eudonis de Mikelbergh' de Mumby ac hostia et fenestras eiusdem domus fregerunt et dictam domum ibidem spoliauerunt et duos pueros¹ eiusdem Eudonis in tantum deteriorati fuerunt quod de vita eorum disperabatur.

¹[Sic].

J., vicar of Huttoft, and R., J., and J., his servants, came to Mumby and there broke into the house of E. de M., and broke the doors and windows and despoiled the house and did such harm to two boys of the said E. that their lives are despaired of.

Marg: WRAGHOWE

171. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Iohanna de Malthous communis laboratrix attachiata fuit per Ricardum Gladwyn constabularium de Southray die Lune proximo post festum assumptionis beate Marie anno xlviij ad metendum blada cum Stephano Wodman de Southray apud Southray iuxta formam ordinacionis de seruietibus edite eadem tamen Iohanna hoc facere omnino recusauit et aliunde pro maiori et excessiuo salario capiendo exiuit contra formam ordinacionis predictae.

172. Item presentant quod vbi Robertus Dene de Sutheray Iohannes Dene de eadem Gilbertus Neuel de eadem et Iohannes Hanworth de eadem anno xlviij per constabularium domini regis de Sutheray muniti fuerunt ad faciendum vigilias in eadem villa

de Sutheray prout per statutum apud Wyntoniam dudum editum ordinatum est ijdem tamen Robertus Dene et alij hoc facere recusarunt in regis contemptum etc.¹

¹ And see no. 148. above.

173. Item presentant quod ubi Iohannes de Middelrason nuper seruiens Iohannis Smyth' de Staynfeld ad seruiendum eidem Iohanni Smyth' in officio carucarii apud Staynfeld retentus fuerat ad commorandum a festo sancti Martini anno xlvij per vnum annum integrum tunc proxime sequentem idem Iohannes de Middelrason a seruicio ipsius Iohannis Smyth' ante finem termini predicti sine causa rationabili et licencia ipsius Iohannis Smyth' recessit in regis contemptum et contra formam ordinacionis etc.

[*m. 5d.*]

174. Item presentant quod Rogerus de Gedenay de Staynton' communis tector domorum licet requisitus per Iohannem Haldayn de Staynton' et alios probos homines eiusdem ville ad seruiendum de artificio suo in eadem villa de Staynton' iuxta formam ordinacionis inde edite idem tamen Rogerus hoc facere recusauit et aliunde per patriam exiuit pro maiori et excessiuo salario capiendo contra formam ordinacionis predictae.

R. de G., a common thatcher, though commanded by J. H. and other good men of the town to work at his craft at Stainton [by Langworth], according to the ordinance, altogether refused to do so, but went off through the countryside to get higher wages.

175. Item presentant quod Thomas bercarius Iohannis vicarii ecclesie de Langton' iuxta Wragby cepit de predicto vicario pro stipendio suo pro dimidio anno xlvj regis nunc viij s. et quolibet tribus septimanis duos bussellos puri frumenti et aliter noluit deseruire in contemptum regis etc. vnde cepit de excessu tempore predicto viij s.

T., the shepherd of the vicar of Langton [by Wragby], received from the vicar as his pay for half the 46th year 8s. and two bushels of pure wheat every three weeks, and refused to work except on those conditions, whereby he received 8s. excess at that time.

176. Item presentant quod Agneta vxor predicti Thome que tenet duas ancillas requisita fuit per Iohannem de Maltby de Langton' die Martis proximo post festum sancti Barnabe apostoli anno xlviij ad commorandum cum prefato Iohanne Malteby tempore sarclacionis ad blada sua sarclanda iuxta formam ordinacionis de seruientibus editi [sic] eadem tamen Agneta hoc facere recusauit nec ancillas suas iusticiari nec laborare in labore predicto permisit in contemptum domini regis et contra formam ordinacionis predictae.

A., the wife of the said T., who keeps two serving maids, was ordered by J. de M. to stay with him at hoeing time to hoe his corn, according to the ordinance of labourers, but she refused to do so, nor would she allow her maids to receive orders or do the work.

177. Item presentant quod Iohannes Cok et Rogerus West nuper seruientes Alicie Hauley de Langton' in seruicio ipsius Alicie

apud Langton nuper retenti ad commorandum in officio carucarii et caretarii a festo sancti Martini anno regni regis nunc xlvij per vnum annum integrum tunc proxime sequentem ijdem tamen Iohannes et Rogerus a seruicio ipsius Alicie ante finem termini predicti sine causa rationabili et licencia ipsius Alicie recesserunt in contemptu domini regis et contra formam ordinacionis etc.

178. Item presentant quod cum Iohannes filius Henrici constabularius domini regis de Sixhill nuper videlicet anno xlvij iuxta officij sui debitum preceperat Iohanni de Burton de Syxhill facere vigiliis in Sixhill prout de iure et per statutum Wyntonie fieri consuevit idem tamen Iohannes de Burton hoc facere omnino recusauit et adhuc recusat in regis contemptum etc.

J., son of H., the constable of Sixhill, recently, as was his duty, commanded J. de B. to keep the watch, as it was accustomed to be kept by right and according to the statute of Winchester, but the said J. altogether refused to do so, and still refuses.

Marg: HILLE

179. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Thomas Wayte de Hameryngham communis laborarius in Hameryngham requisitus fuit per constabularium de Hameryngham die Dominica proxima post festum sancte Margarete virginis anno xlvij ad laborandum in predicta villa in falcacione prati et alijs laboribus sufficientibus [et] penitus refutauit seruire in predicta villa secundum ordinacionem statuti [sic] inde editi set deullauit pro excessiuo salario capiendo summa excessus xl d. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

T. W., a common labourer in Hameryngham, was required by the constable to work in the said town at mowing and other suitable tasks, and he refused to serue according to the ordinance, but left the town to get higher wages, the total of his excess being 40d.

180. Item presentant quod Agneta vxor Willelmi filii Simonis de Folecthu braciatrix iurata fuit ante hec tempora ad braciendum et vendendum lagenam ceruisie pro j d. per mensuram signatam et modo vendit lagenam ceruisie pro j d. ob. per falsas mensuras videlicet per discos et per alia vasa non signata sed ad excessiuum lucrum capiendum summa excessus xl d. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

A., wife of W., an ale-wife, was sworn some time ago to brew and sell a gallon of ale at 1d. by sealed measure, and now she sells a gallon at 1½d. by false measures, namely bowls and other vessels, unsealed, in order to get excess profits, her excess amounting to 40d.

181. Item dicunt quod Ricardus (finem fecit¹) Mawere de Harington die Sabbati in festo natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlvij insultum fecit Iohanni de Kyrmyngton de Haryngton constabulario de Haryngton et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit ita quod de vita eius disperabatur contra pacem etc. et est communis perturbator pacis domini regis. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

182. Item presentant quod Dulcia vxor Roberti de Sauton de Ketlesby requisita fuit per Iohannem Warde constabularium

de Ketlesby die Dominica proxima post festum apostolorum Philippi et Iacobi ultimo preterito videlicet anno xlvij ad seruiendum in predicta villa de Ketlesby tempore autumpnali anno predicto que quidem Dulcia hoc facere recusauit et aliunde extra villam exiuit ad deseruiendum pro maiori salario capiendo contra statutum etc.

Marg: CANDLESOWE

183. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Radulfus Parchemyner de Wylkesby die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno xlvij vi et armis mansum Willelmi Hanby de Wylkesby contra voluntatem suam noctanter intrauit et ipsum Willelmum ibidem verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

184. Item presentant quod Robertus Felawe de Wylkesby die Lune proximo post festum assumepcionis beate Marie anno xlvj vi et armis scilicet gladio etc. vesturam vnus acre terre frumenti precij viginti solidorum in campo de Wylkesby que fuit Willelmi Ferour de Marum contra pacem domini cepit et asportauit.

185. Item presentant quod Felicia filia Iohannis Dammesson' de Westkele in seruicio Willelmi Dauy in Estkele nuper retenta per preceptum et assignacionem constabularii eiusdem ville prout moris est ad commorandum a festo sancti Martini anno xlvij per vnum annum integrum tunc proxime sequentem ab eodem seruicio ante finem termini predicti sine causa racionabili et licencia ipsius Willelmi Dauy recessit.

186. Item presentant quod Alicia de Ingoldmeles de Northolm iuxta Waynflete nuper assignata Thome Walsse per constabularium de Northolm ad seruiendum eidem Thome in autumpno anno xlvij capiendo mercedes et salarium iuxta ordinacionem inde editam videlicet apud Waynflete dicta Alicia a seruicio ipsius Thome ante finem termini predicti sine causa racionabili et licencia ipsius Thome recessit contra formam ordinacionis predictae.¹

A. de L., recently appointed by the constable to work for T. W. in the autumn of the 47th year, receiving wages according to the ordinance, departed from the said T.'s service before the end of the term, without due cause and without his leave.

¹ And see no. 157, above.

187. Item presentant quod dominus Iohannes Chapman capellanus die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini anno xlvij vi et armis cepit Agatham seruientem Willelmi Petyclerk in Burgh' et eam extra seruicium ipsius Willelmi abduxit contra pacem etc.

188. Item presentant quod Thomas de Spritlyngton' de Glentham Iohannes Neuill' de Faldyngworth' Willelmus othe Wode de eadem Iohannes de Somereotes de eadem Ricardus West de Spritlyngton' Iohannes Mawere de eadem Thomas Gaire de Hakethorn Alanus Herre Iohannes Machoun [?] de Glentham

Iohannes de Halton' seruiens Thome de Spritlyngton' Iohannes Gascoyne seruiens eiusdem Thome et Iohannes Oxherde de Glentham die Dominica proxima post festum Assencionis domini anno xlvij apud Cauenby vi et armis domum Abbatis de Barlyngges noctanter intrauerunt et in Iohannem Letherwyte constabularium ville de Cauenby et Willelmum de Northeby et Iohannem Smyth qui eadem nocte dictam villam iuxta formam statuti Wyntonie vigilauerunt ibidem insultum fecerunt et ipsos verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt contra pacem etc. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

T. de S. and others entered the house of the abbot of Barlings at night, assaulted J. L., the constable of Caenby, and W. de N. and J. S., who were keeping the watch in the town that night according to the statute of Winchester, and beat them etc.

[*m. 6*]

Item de presentacionibus et indictamentis captis coram Roberto de Wylugby et sociis suis iusticiariis in partibus de Lyndesey anno xlvij regis nunc.

Marg: CANDLESHOWE

189. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Willelmus atte Flete de Waynfflete in festo sancti Valentini anno xlvij cuidam Petro Bukke de Waynfflete apud Waynfflete vi et armis insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

190. Et quod idem Willelmus in festo sancti Martini in yeme Hugoni Bokes de Waynfflete apud Waynfflete insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit. Et quod idem Willelmus est communis malefactor et perturbator pacis domini regis.

Marg: CALSWATH

191. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Thomas Graydere commorans apud Topholm die Lune proximo post festum sancti Barnabe apostoli anno xlvij apud Topholm in Willelmum Ladyson' de Screveby insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

192. Et quod idem Thomas die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Marci anno regni regis nunc xlvij^o in Iohannam filiam Iohannis de Carleton' insultum fecit apud Topholm et ipsam verberauit uulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem.

193. Item presentant quod Thomas Gra de Grenefeld Iohannes de Malberthorpe de Aluorth' frater Iohannes de Ingelmeles de Markeby Iohannes Barkere de Hanneby vendiderunt anno regni regis nunc xlvij apud Grenefeld Aluorth' Markaby Hanneby et alibi in diuersis villis mercatorijs comitatus Lincoln' corea tannata diuersis sutoribus videlicet Thome Garder de Louth' Iohanni Rede de Well' Ricardo de Malteby et aliis et ceperunt

luerum excessiuum videlicet predictus Thomas Gra ad summam vj s. viij d. predictus Iohannes Malberthorpe ad summam xiiij s. iiij d. frater Iohannes ad summam xx s. et predictus Iohannes Barker ad summam xx s. contra statutum etc.

T. G., J. de M., brother J. de L., and J. B. sold tanned hides to various cobblers in the 47th year at different market towns in Lincolnshire and made excess profits as follows. T. G., 6s. 8d.; J. M., 13s. 4d.; brother J., 20s.; and J. B., 20s.

Marg: LOUTHESK

194. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas Haule Ricardus Trewe Ricardus de Haghham Ricardus de Kaylesthorpe Iohannes de Goudeby Iohannes de Wykam de Luda Gilbertus de Stretton Iohannes Chanpart Willelmus del Fen Robertus filius Iohannis de Manby Willelmus filius Henrici de Haghham et Iohannes Adryan de Luda presentant quod Iohannes de Welkesby nuper seruiens vicarii de Skidbrok Iohannes de Roughforgh¹ de Luda taillour et Iohannes Thowres¹ de Luda taillour die Lune proximo post festum sancti Nicholai episcopi anno xlvij apud Skidbrok cameram Roberti vicarii de Skidbrok felonice frugerunt et bona et catalla dicti Roberti noctanter furati fuerunt et asportauerunt videlicet pecias et coclearia argentea et zonas precij xl librarum etc. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

195. Item presentant quod¹ Willelmus nuper seruiens Iohannis Emerson de Luda apud Ludam die Lune proximo post festum assumptionis beate Marie anno xlvij furatus fuit vnam [sic] dimidiam quarterii brasei precij ij s. de Willelmo Kele de Louth. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

196. Et quod predictus Willelmus die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Petri aduincula anno xlvij furatus fuit iij bussellos brasei precij xviiij d. de Iohanne de Killum de Luda apud Ludam.

197. Item presentant quod Iohannes filius Isabelle de Conyngsby die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini anno xlvj xlvij et xlviiij emit corrium bouinum cum crine apud Sanctum Botulfum videlicet vna [sic] pellem pro ij s. et pro ij s. vj d. et sic emit centum pelles et ea [sic] vendidit Thome de Multon de Luda die Sabbati proximo post festum apostolorum Philippi et Iacobi anno regni regis nunc xlvj et xlvij apud Conyngsby qualibet pelle pro vj s. viij d. et sic cepit per excessum ad summam xl s. (*Marg:* Tannator.)

J., son of I. de C., bought ox hides with the hair at Boston at 2s. and 2s. 6d. a hide, and he bought in this way 100 hides and sold them to T. de M. at 6s. 8d. a hide, whereby he took excess profits amounting to 40s.

198. Item presentant quod Willelmus de Keseby custos iurisdictionis de Lude cepit colore officij de executoribus testamenti

Iohannis de Lekebourn' de Luda die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlvij apud Ludam xiiij s. iiij d. antequam administracionem bonorum predicti Iohannis habere poterunt.

W. de K., keeper of the jurisdiction of Louth, took 13s. 4d. from the executors of the will of J. de L., under pretext of his office, before they were allowed to administer the goods of the said J.

199. Et quod idem Willelmus die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Martini anno xlv cepit de executoribus vxoris Iohannis Calais xvj. s. ex causa predicta et sic cepit de diuersis hominibus patrie tempore predicto ad summam centum solidorum per extorcionem.

The same W. took from the executors of the wife of J. C. 16s. on the same account, and in this way took by extortion from various men of the neighbourhood at that time as much as 100s.

Marg: MANLE

200. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Robertus de Beltoft' Hugo de Malton' Olyuerus atte Halle Iohannes Bernard Simon de Beltoft' Iohannes de Blaktoft' Iohannes Bresctymber Iohannes de Graue Willelmus filius Gilberti Iohannes filius Rogeri Thomas atte Brigge et Rogerus Colte presentant quod Robertus Reynold de Ryseby die Dominica proxima post festum exaltacionis sanete Crucis anno regni regis nunc xlviiij apud Burton' Stather felonice interfecit Iohannem Forster de Conyngsby. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

201. Item presentant quod Radulfus Swynherd¹ seruiens Willelmi de Stoklieth de Belton' die Lune proximo post festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno xlviiij felonice furatus fuit de Ricardo Huld de Fery anguillas et alias pisces recentes apud Fery precij iij s. iiij d. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

202. Item presentant quod Iohannes Haukyn de Boryngham carnifex vendidit carnes putredines apud Boryngham die Dominica proxima post festum Epiphanie domini anno xlviiij Roberto Clerico de Althorpe et alijs ad maximum dampnum patrie.

203. Item presentant quod Henricus Reue et Henricus Blowe de Hibaldestowe sunt communes forstallatores anguillarum et aliarum piscium recentium que ordinati [sic] fuerunt ad forum de Kirketon' et ad forum de Glannford Brigge ijdem Henricus et Henricus dictos pisces in regia via obuiantes antequam ad villas predictas venire poterunt emerunt et illas [sic] in dietis villis venderunt videlicet quolibet die Sabbati et die Iouis per tres annos proxime elapsos ad retalliam ad maximum [dampnum] tocius patrie ibidem et contra statutum etc.

H. K. and H. B. are common forestallers of eels and other fresh fish destined for the markets of Kirton and Glannford Brigg; intercepting the said fish in the king's highway, they have bought them before they could

reach these towns, and have then sold them at retail in the said towns every Saturday and Thursday for the past three years, to the great loss of the whole countryside.

204. Item presentant quod Thomas¹ seruiens Iohannis Grayue de Saltelyf die Dominica proxima ante festum sancti Petri in cathedra anno xlvij felonice furatus fuit apud Ryseby et Saltelif viginti pelles multonum precij v s. de priore de Thornholm. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

205. Item presentant quod Dionisius Walkster de Haxay anno xlvij per diuersas vices vendidit piscem et allecia apud Haxay et alijs locis mercatis [sic] in patria eiusdem [sic] Rogero Colte et alijs et cepit lucrum excessiuum ad summam ij s. contra statutum.

D. W. sold fish and herrings for several weeks in the 48th year at Haxey and other market towns in the district to R. C. and others and took excess profits amounting to 2s.

206. Item presentant quod Thomas Drynge de Haxay communis triturator cepit per dietas anno xlvij quolibet die duos denarios et prandium videlicet apud Haxay de Waltero filio Mabile et alij [sic] et sic cepit per excessum tempore predicto ad summam j marce.

207. Item presentant quod Iohannes Webster de Haxay seruiens Roberti Breustere senioris cepit per dietas quolibet die anno suprascripto duos denarios et prandium de prefato Roberto et alijs apud Haxay et sic cepit per excessum ad summam x s.

208. Item presentant quod Walterus Wright de Messyngham communis carpentarius cepit per diem apud Messyngham per duos annos proxime preteritos de Thomas de Esterwyk et alij [sic] iij d. et prandium et sic cepit per excessum per tempus predictum ad summam viginti solidorum.

209. Item presentant quod Iohannes Marchall de Crull' conduxit quendam Iohannem Cartere de Crull' ad commorandum cum eo apud Crull' anno xlvij dando ei pro salario suo xx s. quos quidem denarios idem Iohannes Carter recepit pro salario suo contra statutum.

210. Item presentant quod Robertus Couper de Appelby et Robertus seruiens ipsius Roberti Coupere ceperunt apud Appelby anno regni regis nunc xlvij pro labore artificij sui faciendo quolibet die per annum iij d. et prandium et sic ceperunt per excessum quilibet eorum x s. contra statutum.

211. Item presentant quod Robertus Snayth de Burton' Stather souter vendidit anno xl octauo sotulares apud Burton' Stather et alibi videlicet vnum par de curtis sotularibus pro viij d. et de longis sotularibus pro xij d. et xvj d.

R. S., a cobbler, sold shoes at Burton [on Stather] and elsewhere in the 48th year, namely, a pair of short shoes for 8d. and of long shoes for 12d. and 16d.

[*m. 6d.*]

212. Item iuratores infra nominati presentant quod quidam Iohannes de Gerneseye nuper custos passagij de Humber' die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Michelis archangeli anno xlvij regis nunc apud Barton' iuxta Humber noctanter intrauit clausum Iohannis de Feribi et Emmam filiam ipsius Iohannis felonice rapuit et ipsam in domum suam introduxit et cum ea contra voluntatem suam concubuit.¹ (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ See App. XI, p. 122, below.

213. Et dicunt quod Iohannes seruiens ipsius Iohannis de Gernesey fuit ibidem die et anno predictis ad feloniam predictam faciendam. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

Marg: YORDEBURGH'

214. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Ricardus de Laughton' de Lymbergh' Ricardus Scot de Croxton' Walterus Stybbyng' de Feribi Nicholaus de Rothewell' de Castre Iohannes de Rasone de Claxby Thomas Aleynsson' de Barowe Iohannes Pykeryng de eadem Robertus Raa de Besby Iohannes de Neuton' de Stallyngburgh' Robertus atte Hille de Vleeby Willelmus de Somerby de Wotton' et Benedictus Danyell' de Lymbergh presentant quod Iohannes¹ filius Iohannis Smyth de Rauendale furtiue furatus fuit xij bidentes de Iohanne atte Hill' de Lymbergh apud Lymbergh precij decem solidorum die Mercurii proximo ante festum sancti Andree anno xlvij. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

215. Item dicunt quod Thomas¹ quondam seruiens rectoris ecclesie de Feriby apud Ferybi die Lune proximo ante festum sancte Lucie virginis anno xlvij furtiue furatus fuit de Willelmo de Feriby vnum lectum vnum colobium et vnum gladium precij xl d. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

216. Item dicunt quod Stephanus Milner de Goushill' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno xlvij vi et armis Hugonem Grys seruientem Iohannis Prykefeld extra seruium ipsius Iohannis apud Goushill' cepit et abduxit contra statutum.

217. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas Faulkener Willelmus Bell' Willelmus Hannay Thomas Stagger Rogerus Forster Iohannes Cossher Iohannes Ernays Iohannes de Croftes Simon Mathew Walterus Freman Hugo Wymerkson' et Nicholaus de Ormesby presentant quod Adam¹ nuper seruiens Willelmi de Feriby de Teulby commorans apud Torkesey die Martis in septimana Pentecostes anno xlvij apud Donham Willelmum de Feriby de Teulby et Margaretam vxorem eius cum alijs ignotis felonice interfecit et pannos lineos et laneos ipsius Willelmi precij xls. ibidem inuentos felonice furatus fuit et abduxit. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375, under the name 'Thomas quondam seruiens rectoris de Feriby'.

218. Item presentant quod Iohannes (finem fecit¹) Hode de Hospitali super Stratam die Iouis proximo post festum Assencionis domini anno xlvij apud Hospitalem super Stratam in Henricum de Bleseby ballium wappentaci de Lauriz vi et armis insultum fecit et ipsum verberavit vulneravit et male tractavit contra pacem etc.

219. Item presentant quod Iohannes Furry de Faldyngworth et Iohannes Cartwright de eadem qui summoniti fuerunt per constabularium ville de Faldyngworth ad presentandum coram Iohanne Dymmok et sociis suis iusticiariis etc. apud Lincoln' de articulis in commissione predictorum iusticiariorum contentis omnino venire recusarunt in contemptum regis.

J. F. and J. C., who were summoned by the constable of Faldyngworth to make presentments before the justices at Lincoln concerning articles contained in the commission of the said justices, altogether refused to come.

220. Item presentant quod Rogerus de Gedenay et Thomas frater eius coopertores domorum recusant laborare in artificio suo per dietas set in grosso pro excessiuo salario habendo et sic ceperunt de Stephano Belle de Langwath' in anno regni regis nunc xlvij apud Langwath' pro cooperacione j domus xj s. et duos bussellos frumenti et duos bussellos brasei precij ij s. quod quidem opus proficiebant in nouem diebus contra formam statuti etc.

R. de G. and T., his brother, thatchers, will not work at their trade for a daily wage, but only for a lump sum, in order to get excess wages, and in this way they have received from S. B. for thatching one house, 11s. and two bushels of wheat and two of barley, worth 2s., though they finished the work in nine days.

221. Item presentant quod Robertus Theker de Donham cepit de Roberto othe Hill' iij s. pro tribus diebus pro cooperacione domorum apud Donham in anno xlvij videlicet per diem xij d. contra statutum etc.

222. Item presentant quod quatuor homines ville de Torkesay [et] quatuor homines ville de Fisketon' non venerunt ad presentandum coram prefatis iusticiariis sicut summoniti fuerunt in contemptum regis videlicet die Lune post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlvij apud Lincoln'. (*Marg: Villata.*)

The four men of Torksey and the four men of Fiskerton failed to come and make presentments before the justices when summoned.

223. Item presentant quod Thomas Raton de Lincoln' theker in anno regni regis nunc xlvij apud Rissun cepit pro artificio suo quolibet die iij d. et prandium suum pro cooperacione domorum de Ricardo de Lynges contra statutum etc.

Marg: WELLEWAPPENTACUM

224. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Matillis filia Emme de Hertwyk' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno xlvi apud Stowe beate Marie vnam ollam eneam

Ricardi de Dike precij ij s. contra voluntatem ipsius Ricardi cepit et asportauit contra pacem etc.

Marg: ASLAKHAWE

225. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Iohannes Smyth' de Helmeswell' taskare die Veneris proximo post festum Corporis Christi noctanter exiuit extra Helmeswell' et secum abduxit Agnetam seruientem Willelmi Marchall de Helmeswell' et bona et catalla predicti Willelmi Marchall ad valenciam viginti solidorum ibidem inuenta cepit et asportauit anno xlviij contra pacem etc.

226. Item dicunt quod villata [sic] de Norton et Snyterby summonite fuerunt ad presentandum coram Iohanne Dymmok et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis ad pacem apud Lincoln' die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlviij et non venerunt per quorum absenciam negocia domini regis ceperunt dilacionem. (*Marg:* Villata.)

The townships of Bishop [Norton] and Snitterby were summoned to make presentments before the justices of the peace at Lincoln and failed to come, and the king's business was delayed by their absence.

227. Item presentant quod Willelmus Batesson' constabularius de Hanworth summonitus fuit per balliuum de Aslakhawe et cum eo duo homines pro dicta villa ad presentandum coram Iohanne Dymmok et socijs suis et predictus Willelmus noluit eos summonere nec in propria persona voluit venire in regis contemptum etc.

W. B., the constable of [Cold] Hanworth, was summoned by the bailiff of Aslacoë to make presentments before the justices and with him two men for the said town, and the said W. refused to summon them or to come himself.

Marg: MANLE

228. Iuratores presentant quod quatuor homines et prepositus villarum Whiten Roxby et Belton' non venerunt ad presentandum coram prefatis iusticiariis prout summoniti fuerunt per quorum absenciam negocia domini regis ceperunt dilacionem.

Marg: CORYNGHAM

229. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Willelmus de Housshoun Henricus Allot Iohannes Clack Iohannes de Carleton' Iohannes de Celby Robertus de Stoketh' Thomas de Norton' Willelmus Helwys Willelmus Dandeson' Walterus filius Nicholai Willelmus de Lymbergh' et Ricardus de Platenay presentant quod Iohanna atte Flete de Scoter die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlviij domum Iohannis Pardone felonice deburgauit apud Scoter et ibidem xiijs. iiij d. in pecunia numerata felonice furata fuit et asportauit.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ See also no. 65, above, and nos. 230-36, below, and App. VII, p. 117, below.

230. Et quod Walterus persona ecclesie de Skoter sciens predictam Iohannam feloniam predictam fecisse predictis die et loco recepit [eam] felonice et manutenuit.¹ (*Marg: Accessorius.*)

¹ See also nos. 65 and 229, above, and nos. 231-36, below, and App. VII, p. 117, below.

231. Item presentant quod idem Walterus die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlvij apud Scoter Iohannam vxorem Willelmi othe Flete felonice rapuit.

232. Et quod idem Walterus die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Laurencii anno xlvij apud Scoter in Iohannem Cressy vi et armis insultum fecit et de vita et membris minatus fuit contra pacem etc.

233. Item presentant quod dictus Walterus die Lune proximo post festum inuencionis sancte Crucis anno xlvij apud Skalthorpe in Robertum filium Iuliane vi et armis insultum fecit et male tractauit et ei tales minas imposuit quod predictus Robertus finem cum predicto Waltero de vj s. viij d. fecit quos predictus Walterus ibidem cepit per extorcionem predictis die et loco.

The same W. assaulted R., son of J., ill-treated him, and threatened him so that the said R. made a fine of 6s. 8d. with W. which the latter took by extortion.

234. Item presentant quod dictus Walterus die Lune proximo post festum sancti Laurencii anno xlvij apud Scoter clausum abbatis de Burgo Sancti Petri vi et armis intrauit et ibidem pareum predicti abbatis fregit et xx porcos ipsius Walteri precij xl s. ibidem impareatos pro dampno facto in bladibus Roberti Wilcock' et aliorum eiusdem ville vi et armis cepit et abduxit contra pacem etc.

W., the parson of Scotter, entered the close of the abbot of Peterborough and broke into the abbot's pound there and took away twenty of his own pigs, worth 40s., which had been impounded there for damage done to the crops of R. W. and others of the said town.

235. Item presentant quod dictus Walterus die Sabbati proximo post festum assumptionis beate Marie anno xlvij apud Skalthorpe parcum predicti abbatis de Burgo Sancti Petri vi et armis fregit et xix porcos ipsius Walteri ibidem impareatos pro dampno facto in bladibus Thome Dauber et aliorum cepit et abduxit contra pacem.

The same W. broke the pound of the abbot of Peterborough at Scawthorpe and took away 19 of his own pigs which had been impounded for damage done to the crops of T. D. and others.

236. Item presentant quod dictus Walterus persona ecclesie de Scoter die Martis in festo sancti Iacobi apostoli anno regni regis nunc xlvij apud Scoter in Iohannem de Morton' vi et armis insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit¹ contra pacem etc.

¹ See App. VII, p. 117, below.

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Adhuc de presentacionibus et indietamentis captis coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis iusticiariis in partibus de Lyndeseye anno regni regis Edwardi tereij post conquestum xlvij.

Marg: HASWARDESOWE

237. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Robertus de Cokewald Willelmus de Cadenhay Willelmus filius Roberti de Wathe Walterus de Gateby de Bruggesley Thomas Este de Atteclif Willelmus de Houton de Rauendale Robertus de Bokenale de eadem Iohannes Smyth de eadem Rogerus de Candlesby de Waltham Willelmus Musterlof de Wathe Iohannes Houlot de Northcotes et Ingelramus filius Henrici de Askeby presentant quod quidam Robertus Raa de Northcotes [sic] et Iohannes Raa frater eiusdem Roberti die Veneris in festo sancti Michelis archangeli anno xlvij felonice interfecerunt Matillem vxorem Iohannis Clerk de Northcotes apud Northcotes.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia. Raa.)

¹ See no. 250, below, for escape of Robert Raa.

238. Et quod Iohannes de Osgot by nuper seruiens Willelmi de Belesby die Sabbati proximo ante festum assumptionis beate Marie anno supradicto felonice interfecit Iohannem Stelegad de Belesby apud Belesby.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ See App. XII, p. 123, below, indietment and trial in the King's Bench of accessories.

239. Item presentant quod Cristiana vxor Willelmi de Keleby manens in Atteclif et Amabilla (finem fecit¹) vxor Iohannis Taillour de eadem braciauerunt et vendiderunt ceruisiam contra assissam anno xlvij supradicto. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

240. Item presentant quod Alicia vxor Iohannis Redhed de Est Rauendale in seruiicio Roberti de Bokenale [retenta] ad seruiendum eidem Roberto tempore autumnali anno xlvij capiendo mercedes et salaria iuxta formam ordinacionis de seruientibus edite dicta Alicia seruiicium ipsius Roberti renuit et alibi deseruiuit extra villam pro maiori excessiuo salario capiendo ad dampnum ipsius Roberti ac contra formam ordinacionis predictae.

A., wife of J. R., [who was hired] to work for R. de B. during the autumn of the 48th year, receiving wages according to the ordinance of labourers, renounced his service and took work outside the town in order to get higher wages.

241. Item presentant quod Adam Tasker de Camerynghan die Veneris in vigilia Sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlvij apud Camerynghan in Petrum priorem de Camerynghan vi et armis insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

242. Et quod Iohannes (finem fecit¹) de Hille de Camerynghan die et anno predictis procurauit predictum Adam Tasker ad verberandum et interficiendum predictum priorem.

Marg: WALESCROFT

243. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Iohannes de Coringham de Lincoln Iohannes (finem fecit¹) Prentys de eadem et Ricardus (finem fecit¹) Barkere de Staynfeld tannatores emerunt apud Est Rasone annis xlvj^{to} et xlvij diuersa coria bouina quilibet eorum ad summam sexaginta coriarum [sic] crudarum non tannatarum et ea vendiderunt diuersis hominibus patrie apud Lincoln⁷ et alijs villatis mercatorijs anno xlvij ad lucrum nimis excessiuum videlicet in xij d. iij d. et sic ceperunt de excessu anno supradicto quilibet eorum ad summam viginti solidorum et amplius contra statutum. (*Marg:* Tannatores de Lincoln⁷.)

J. de C., J. P., and R. B., tanners, bought various ox-hides at East Rasen in the 46th and 47th years, amounting to 60 untanned hides a piece, and sold them to divers men of the district at Lincoln and other market towns in the 48th year at excess profits of 4*l.* in the shilling, and thus each of them took 20*s.* and more in excess that year.

244. Item presentant quod Rogerus filius Iohannis Curteys de Normanby in seruicio Rogeri Beuchampe apud Normanby retentus ad commorandum a festo sancti Martini anno xlvij per vnum annum integrum ab eodem seruicio ante finem termini predicti sine causa rationabili et licencia ipsius Rogeri recessit in domini regis contemptum et contra formam ordinacionis etc.

245. Item presentant quod Willelmus Godchep filius Iohannis Godchep de insula in seruicio ipsius Rogeri Beuchamp apud Normanby [retentus] ad commorandum cum eodem Rogero in forma supradicta a seruicio ipsius Rogeri ante finem termini concordati vt predictum est recessit in regis contemptum etc.

246. Item presentant quod Willelmus Dayuill⁷ constabularius wappentaci de Walecroft die Martis proximo ante festum sancte Lucie virginis anno xlvij apud Est Rasone Iohannem de Osgotby verberauit [et] vulnerauit contra pacem etc.

Marg: BRADLE

247. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas Moune Robertus de Thrymesco Ricardus Brande Petrus de Cotom Iohannes Clerk⁷ Willelmus Nicholuene Iohannes Talifer Willelmus Curteys Henricus Martyn Alanus Roche Thomas Douke et Willelmus filius Radulfi presentant quod Simon de Aluorth⁷ manens in Mykelcotes die Lune proximo post festum sancti Mathei apostoli anno xlvij felonice interfecit Ricardum filium Stephani filii Alani de Mekelcotes apud Mikelcotes.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ See no. 49, above, and App. VI, p. 116, below.

248. Item presentant quod frater Willelmus de Parco Lude Robertus Barkere de Neusom et frater Iohannes de Thornton⁷ tannatores per conuencionem inter eos factam apud Castre Lymbergh⁷ Ludam et Grymesby et alijs villis mercatorijs in partibus de Lyndeseye quod nullus eorum emat coria bouina vltra ij*s.* et coria vaccina vltra xij d. et sic emerunt anno xlvij quilibet eorum

ad summam sexaginta coriarum in villis predictis et ea vendiderunt tannata diuersis hominibus in villis predictis et ceperunt lucrum excessiuum in xij d. iiii d. et sic ceperunt de excessu anno supradicto quilibet eorum ad summam xx s.

Brother W., R. B., and brother J., tanners, according to a contract which they made at Caistor, Limber, Louth, Grimsby, and other market towns in Lindsey, to the effect that none of them would buy ox-hides for more than 2s. and cow-hides for more than 12d., bought each of them hides to the number of sixty in the said towns and sold them, tanned, to divers men and made an excess profit of 12d. and 4d.; and thus each of them made a total excess of 20s. that year.

249. Item presentant quod Robertus Neuland de Humberstan die Mercurii proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlv cum alijs ignotis malefactoribus et pacis regis perturbatoribus vi armata ad modum guerre in Iohannem Hermer iuniorem apud Humberstan insultum fecerunt et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt et idem Robertus Neuland cum malefactoribus predictis sic armati in eadem villa circumquaque et extra in partibus illis per tres dies equitauerunt Iohannem Hermer seniorem querendum ad interficiendum in lesionem corone et dignitatis regie et contra pacem etc.¹ (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

R. N. and other unknown evil-doers and disturbers of the king's peace assaulted J. H., the younger, with armed force, and in a warlike manner at Humberston and beat him etc.; and the said R. N., with the said evil-doers, being thus armed, rode about the town and the surrounding district for three days, seeking J. H. the elder, with intent to kill him, to the injury of the king's crown and dignity.

¹ See also nos. 40, above, 252, 468, 469, 471, 472, below, and App. V, p. 111, below.

250. Item presentant quod vbi Iohannes Raa de Northcotes et Robertus Raa frater eius die Veneris in festo sancti Michelis archangeli anno xlvij felonice interfecissent Matillem vxorem Iohannis Clerk' de Northcotes¹ in Northcotes et super hoc idem Iohannes Clerk' prosecutus fuit vsque ad domum Iohannis (ponit¹) Houlot constabularii eiusdem ville cum clameo et hutesio ad predictos felones arestandos et attachiandos idem Iohannes Houlot dictos felones abire voluntarie permisit et bona et catalla dictorum felonum ad valenciam centum solidorum asportari permisit absque aliquo impedimento per ipsum inde facto.² (*Marg:* Raa.)

When J. R. and R. R., his brother, had feloniously killed M., the wife of J. C., and the said J. C. chased them to the house of J. H., constable of the town, with the hue and cry, in order to arrest and attach the said felons, the same J. H. freely allowed the said felons to get away and their goods and chattels to the value of 100s. to be taken, without any hindrance.

¹ See no. 237, above. ² See App. XIII, p. 124, below.

251. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Palmere de Baston, Robertus de Kelesey seruiens eiusdem Willelmi Thomas Walker et Petrus Smyth de eadem cum pluribus alijs ignotis die Martis proximo post festum sancte Marie Magdalene anno xlvj venerunt apud Castre vi armata in Iohannem de Tetford et Iohannem Bisshope

seruientem eiusdem Iohannis de Tetford insultum fecerunt et ipsos verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt et ipsos vsque ad domum suam propriam fugauerunt et ibidem obsederunt ita quod a domo sua propria metu mortis exire non audebant quousque fines cum eis ad voluntatem suam fecerint.

W. P., R. de K., his servant, T. W., and P. S., with many other unknown persons, came armed to Caistor, assaulted J. de T. and J. B., his servant, beat them etc., and chased them to their own house and besieged them there, so that they dared not leave it for fear of death, until they had made fines with them (the attackers).

252. Item presentant quod Robertus Neuland de Humbersta[n] die Martis in festo sancti Iacobi Apostoli anno xlvij venit vi et armis et contra pacem domini regis cum gladio extracto apud Belesby et ibidem in Iohannem Hermer de Humberstan insultum fecit et ipsum fugauit vsque abbathiam de Wenlowe et tales minas eidem Iohanni Hermer imposuit quod ipse abinde vsque ad domum suam propriam per longum tempus ire non ausus fuit contra pacem etc.¹

R. N. came armed, with drawn sword, to Beelsby and there attacked J. H. and chased him to the abbey of Wellow, and so threatened him that for a long time he dared not depart thence to his own house.

¹ See also nos. 40 and 249, above, 468, 469, 471 and 472, below, and App. V, p. 111, below.

Marg: LOTHEBURGH

253. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes Coke de Couenham Iohannes de Barton' Willelmus Moysant' Iohannes Donnay de Fotherby Robertus Argram Iohannes Coke de Warweholm' Walterus de Bethern de Fotherby Willelmus Rayner de eadem Hugo Cade de Lotheburgh' Robertus South' de eadem Robertus filius Walteri de eadem et Elias Couper de Wyhum presentant quod Iohannes Bret' quondam molendinarius de Graynesby et Margareta¹ vxor eius commorantes apud Lee die Lune proximo post festum sancti Marci Ewangeliste anno tricesimo quarto apud Graynesby Iohannem filium Roberti Chapman de Cokerington felonice interfecerunt et bona et catalla sua ad valenciam decem marcarum ibidem inuenta felonice ceperunt et asportauerunt. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

J. B., formerly the miller of Grainsby, and M., his wife, dwelling at Lea, slew J., son of R. C., and stole goods of his worth 10 marks which they found there.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

254. Item presentant quod Willelmus de Byston' de Wyhum die Lune proximo

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post festum sancti Dionisij anno xlvij apud Fotherby Iohannem filium Andree de Fotherby felonice interfecit et de bonis et catallis suis ad valenciam decem solidorum ibidem inuentis felonice depredatus fuit et asportauit. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

255. Item presentant quod cum Iohannes Wrighte de Aluyng-
ham conductus fuit ad deseruendum Willelmo de Skipwyth
chiualer in artificio carpentarii apud Southormesby ad quandam
aulam ibidem de nouo perficiendam idem Iohannes a serui-
cio predicto antequam opus predictum perficiebat videlicet anno xl
regis nunc recessit per quod idem Willelmus prosecutus fuit quoddam
preceptum ad attachiandum predictum Iohannem Wrighte ad
respondendum tam domino regi quam prefato Willelmo de con-
temptu et transgressione in hac parte facta [sic] et quidam Iohannes
Coke cui preceptum predictum directum fuit dictum Iohannem
Wrighte apud Coryngham videlicet die Lune proximo post festum
sancti Petri Aduincula anno supradicto attachiasset idem Iohannes
prefato Iohanni Coke balliuo in hac parte recessum fecit et se
iusticiari non permisit in regis contemptum etc. (*Marg:* Trans-
gressio.)

When J. W. was hired to serve William de Skipwith, knight, in the
trade of carpenter at South Ormsby, to rebuild a hall there, the said J.
departed before he had finished the work, wherefore the said William sued
out a writ to attach J. to answer to the king and the said William for the
trespass and contempt; and a certain J. C. to whom the said writ was
addressed, would have attached J. W., but he resisted J. C., the bailiff, and
refused to submit.

Marg: LOUTHESK'

256. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Elias Fraunceys
de Wythihale Ricardus Trewe de Aluyngham Ricardus de Haghham
Iohannes de Gouceby de Luda Iohannes de Dauthorpe de Cokeryng-
ton' Ricardus de Parchous de Germethorpe Willelmus de Mesland
de eadem Ricardus Daunay de Cokeryngton' Iohannes Walssh de
Carleton' Robertus Helewys de Authorpe Ricardus Smyth de
Malteby et Ricardus de Kalesthorpe presentant quod Iohannes
de Quernton¹ soulibbere seruiens Simonis Flessheuwe de Luda die
Lune proximo post festum sancti Andree apostoli anno xlviii apud
Ludam furtiue fregit vnam cistam predicti Simonis Flessheuwe
et abinde vnam zonam cum loculo precij xl d. et triginta solidos
in eodem loculo inuentos furtiue cepit et asportauit. (*Marg:*
Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

257. Item presentant quod Willelmus Diker de Maydenwell'
mawere tempore falcacionis anno xlviii cepit de Iohanne Walker
de Scamulshby et alijs hominibus eiusdem ville quolibet die viij d.
et prandium contra statutum et sic cepit de excessu ad summam
dimidie marce anno supradicto. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

258. Item presentant quod quidam Robertus Rumbald de
Germethorpe in festo sancti Petri aduincula anno xlviii positus
fuit Willelmo de Muslay per constabularium ville de Germethorpe
ad seruiendum eidem Willelmo apud Germethorpe per totum
tempus autumpnale tunc proxime sequens capiendo salarium iuxta
ordinacionem inde editam constituta [sic] [et] predictus Robertus

seruicium predicti Willelmi renuit et ab eadem villa recessit aliunde laborando pro maiori et excessiuo salario capiendo contra formam ordinacionis predictae.

R. R. was appointed by the constable to work for W. de M. for the whole of the following autumn, receiving wages according to the statute, and the said R. renounced his service and left the town to work elsewhere for higher and excess wages.

259. Item presentant quod Petrus atte Brigge de Somercotes nuper seruiciens Elie Fraunceys in seruicio ipsius Elie apud Wytheale retentus videlicet anno xlviii ab eodem seruicio ante finem termini inter eos concordati sine causa rationabili et licencia ipsius Elie recessit in regis contemptum etc. et contra formam ordinacionis predictae.

260. Item presentant quod Willelmus Dyker de Maydewell' die Martis proximo ante festum sancti Laurencii anno xlviii in Thomam Shepherde apud Maydewell' insultum fecit et ipsum verberavit vulneravit et malectrauit contra pacem etc.

Marg: CALSWATH

261. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Thomas filius Ade Taskere de Swaby carucarii in seruicio Philippi de Thoresthorpe apud Beseby nuper retentus ad commorandum a festo sancti Martini anno xlviii per vnum annum integrum tunc proxime sequentem in officio carucarii [et] idem Thomas filius Ade a seruicio predicto ante finem termini predicti sine causa rationabili et licencia ipsius Philippi recessit in regis contemptum etc.

262. Item presentant quod Margareta filia Roberti Tayte de Markeby in seruicio Hugonis Vleeby nuper retenta ad commorandum a festo sancti Martini anno xlvij per vnum [annum] integrum tunc proxime sequentem in officio ancille domus apud Markeby ab eodem seruicio ante finem termini predicti sine causa rationabili et licencia ipsius Hugonis recessit in regis contemptum etc.

M., daughter of R. T., engaged in the service of H. U. to remain from St Martin's day for the whole of the following year as house maid at Markby, left service before the end of the term without due cause and without leave from the said H.

263. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Ingoldmeles frater domus de Markeby frater Iohannes Aluay domus de Hanneby Iohannes de Malberthorpe de Alueton' et Thomas Gra de Grenefeld communes tannatores emerunt apud Markeby Hanneby et alijs villis mercatorijs in comitatu Lincoln' diuersa coria cruda bouina videlicet et vaccina quilibet eorum ad summam centum coriarum annis regni regis nunc xlvj et xlvij et ea tannata vendiderunt diuersis hominibus patrie in villis predictis videlicet Waltero Geffrey de Malberthorpe Ricardo de Markeby et alijs sutoribus patrie anno xlvij ad excessiuum lucrum videlicet in duodecim denarijs

lucrati fuerunt quatuor denarios et amplius et sic cepit quilibet eorum de excessu anno supradicto ad summam xx s. contra statutum etc.

J. de I. and others, common tanners, bought each of them, raw ox-hides and cow-hides to the number of 100 at Markby, Hagnaby and other market towns in Lincolnshire, and sold them, tanned, to divers men of the district in the said towns, namely to W. G., R. de M. and other cobblers, at an excess profit, namely 4*d.* and more in the shilling, and thus each of them made a total excess profit of 20*s.* that year.

264. Item presentant quod Willelmus Souterhous de Parco Lude barkere emit et vendidit diuersa coria in forma supradicta et cepit lucrum excessiuum ad summam x s.

Marg: HULL'

265. Iuratores presentant quod cum Iohannes Sutor de Hagworthingham nuper iuratus fuit coram constabulario de Hagworthingham videlicet anno xlvij ad capiendum tempore falcacionis prati pro qualibet acra prati v d. sine aliquo alio profieuo capiendo prout per statutum inde ordinatum est et similiter ad laborandum in eadem villa idem Iohannes Sutor ab eadem villa ad villam de Aswardby recessit et ibidem cepit de quadam Felicia de Forthynton pro qualibet acra prati falcanda x d. et sic cepit de excessu in eadem villa anno supradicto ad summam ij s. contra statutum.

J. S., though he recently took the oath before the constable of Hagworthingham to receive 5*d.* for mowing an acre of meadow in the mowing season, without other profit, according to the statute, and also to work in the same town, nevertheless went from there to Aswardby and there received from a certain F. de F. 10*d.* an acre, and thus took excess wages amounting to 2*s.*

Marg: GAYRETREE

266. Iuratores wappentaci predicti dicunt quod Iohannes Gale manens cum Thoma de Tolous die Iouis proximo post festum Pentecostes anno xlvij procurauit Iohannem Donney seruientem Walteri Hardegray de Edlyngton' extra seruicium ipsius Walteri et ipsum Iohannem Gale in seruicium suum apud Edlyngton' admisit et retinuit dando ei pro salario suo annuale j marcam et cibum ac alia dona contra formam ordinacionis de seruientibus edite videlicet anno supradicto.

J. G., dwelling with T. T., enticed J. D., the servant of W. H., away from the service of the said W., and took him into his own service, and retained him, giving him for his yearly wage one mark and his food, and other gifts, against the ordinance etc.

267. Item presentant quod Robertus nuper seruiens Willelmi Forster de Myntyng' falcator recessit ab officio carucarii pro singulari comodo suo et ad officium falcatoris se diuertit et cepit tempore estatis et autumpni anno xlvij videlicet de Simone filio Roberti de Myntyng' et alijs eiusdem ville quolibet die vj d. et vietum suum contra statutum.

R., lately the servant of W. F., a mower, abandoned the post of ploughman for his own gain, and betook himself to that of mower, and received

during the summer and autumn of the 48th year from S. and others of the same town 6*l.* a day and his victuals.

268. Item presentant quod Willelmus Gery nuper retentus cum Willelmo procuratore de Bamburgh' apud Bamburgh' ad seruiendum eidem procuratori anno xlviii ab eodem seruicio ante finem termini inter eos concordati sine causa racionabili et licencia ipsius procuratoris recessit in seruicium Iohannis de Fiseburn' procuratoris de Bamburgh' et Thome filii eiusdem Iohannis qui quidem Iohannes de Fiseburn' et Thomas dictum Willelmum Gery in seruicium suum retinuerunt villa et anno supradictos [sic] contra formam ordinacionis de seruientibus edite.

W. G., lately employed by W., the proctor of Baumber, to work for him in the 48th year, before the end of the term agreed upon, without due cause and without leave, left the service of W. for that of J. de F., proctor of Baumber, and his son, who employed the said W. G. that year in that town, against the ordinance etc.

269. Item presentant quod Willelmus Crommer de Donyngton' Iohannes Corour de eadem Iohannes Clerk de eadem et Rogerus Peronell' de eadem communes laboratores recusarunt iurare ad seruiendum in villa de Donyngton' iuxta formam ordinacionis de seruientibus edite et recesserunt ab eadem villa vbique in patriam laborando causa excessiui salarii capiendi.

270. Item presentant quod Willelmus filius Walteri de Suthray Robertus filius Walteri de Suthray et Iohannes filius Walteri de Suthray die Martis proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlviii in Henricum Plowgrayne de Bardenay apud Suthray insultum fecit [sic] verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit.

271. Et quod predictus Iohannes filius Walteri die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Martini anno supradicto arrestauit Elizabetham seruientem Willelmi Mauar et eam a seruiicio ipsius Willelmi apud Stekeswold abduxit contra formam statuti etc.

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Adhuc de presentacionibus et indictamentis captis coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis iusticiariis in partibus de Lyndeseye de anno regni regis nunc xlviii.

Marg: SOUTHR'

272. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes Benet' de Thetelthorpe Robertus de Roldesby Gilbertus del Hauen' de Swaby Iohannes Sowright' de Malberthorpe Willelmus Wit Robertus filius Hugonis Willelmus Bek' Iohannes Grayne Willelmus Spendeloue Iohannes de Malthorpe Thomas de Stayne et Gilbertus Baldewyne presentant quod Thomas¹ seruiens Willelmi de Thoresby de Saltflethauen' die Martis proximo post festum decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlvij felonice furatus fuit diuersa blada in garbis apud Skydebok' noctanter ad valenciam quinque solidorum et est communis latro.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

273. Et quod predictus Willelmus de Thoresby¹ die et anno predictis recepit dictum Thomam apud Skidbrok' cum bladis predictis sciens ipsum Thomam esse felonem et dicta blada esse furata. (*Marg: Accessorius.*)

¹ For other references to William de Thoresby see nos. 161, above, 274-79 and 282, below, and App. XIV, p. 125, below.

274. Item presentant quod Willelmus de Thoresby de Salflethauen' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlviii vi et armis et contra pacem domini regis verberavit [et] vulneravit Elenam vxorem Gilberti Plomer de Salflethauen' apud Salflethauen' et eam cum pedibus suis violenter conculcavit ita quod de vita eius disperabatur.

W. de T. assaulted E., wife of G. P., and struck her with his feet, so that her life is despaired of.

275. Et quod idem Willelmus die Martis in festo decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc xlviii apud Salflethauen' in Petrum de Skidham de Seland mercatorem insultum fecit et ipsum verberavit vulneravit et male tractavit et Willelmo Scot' et Iohanni de Lymbergh' constabulariis domini regis ville de Salflethauen' in faciendis officium suum resistenciam fecit et se iusticiari non permisit in perturbacionem pacis domini regis.

The same W. assaulted P. de S., a merchant of Zealand, and beat him etc.; and resisted the king's constables of Saltfleet Haven in the performance of their duty, and would not submit, in disturbance of the peace.

276. Item presentant quod idem Willelmus die Dominica in festo clausi Pasche simul cum Willelmo filio Andree Milnere et cum pluribus alijs ignotis anno xlviii apud Salflethauen' in Willelmo Warde de Salflethauen' insultum fecerunt et ipsum cum diuersis armis in ecclesiam de Skidbrok' fugauerunt et in eadem obsederunt ita quod idem Willelmus Warde ab eadem metu mortis per longum tempus exire non audebat ad maximum terrorem totius patrie ibidem et contra pacem domini Regis. Et dicunt quod ijdem Willelmus de Thoresby et Willelmus filius Andree Milnere sunt communes malefactores et pacis domini regis perturbatores.

The same W., together with W., son of A. M., and many other unknown persons, assaulted W. W. and chased him into Skidbrook church and there besieged him so that for a long time he dared not depart, in fear of death; to the great terror of the whole neighbourhood.

277. Item presentant quod ijdem Willelmus de Thoresby Willelmus filius Andree Milnere de Salflethauen' Willelmus Reynold de Somercotes Willelmus Haket de Somercotes et Iohannes Haket de Somercotes die Iouis proximo post festum sancte Trinitatis anno xlvij venerunt apud Salflethauen' vi et armis et in Thomam Pygot ballium domini regis et quamplures alios de patria ad forum ibidem venientes causa empicionis et vendicionis ibidem insultum fecerunt verberauerunt et fugauerunt ad interficiendum

ita quod ad forum illud ad comodum suum faciendum propter metum mortis per longum tempus venire non audebant.

W. de T. and others came to Saltfleet Haven and assaulted T. P., the king's bailiff, and many others of the neighbourhood who were coming to the market there to buy and sell, beat them and chased them with intent to kill, so that for a long time, for fear of death, they dared not come to that market to seek their profit.

278. Item presentant quod cum dominus rex nunc videlicet anno xlviii per commissionem suam preceperat Iohanni de Outhorpe de Lincoln' arraiare quandam nauem vocatam le Barge de Lincoln' versus mare in defencionem regni ac homines ad nauem predictam ducendos et custodiendos et dictus Iohannes de Outhorpe die Lune proximo post festum apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi anno supradicto apud Salflethauen venit ad officium suum in hac parte faciendum ibi venit predictus Willelmus de Thoresby similiter cum alijs ignotis de couina sua et in dictum Iohannem de Outhorpe insultum fecit et ipsum in domum Atheline Spenser fugauit et in eadem domo obsedit ita quod metu mortis per longum tempus exire non audebat quousque per resistenciam proborum hominum eiusdem ville ibidem confluencium rescussus fuerat.¹

When the king, in the 48th year, had by his commission commanded J. de O. to array a certain ship called le Barge of Lincoln to go to sea in defence of the realm, and to take men to the said ship and keep them [there], and the said J. came to Saltfleet Haven to perform his office there in this respect, W. de T. with other unknown persons in collusion came there, and assaulted the said J., and chased him to the house of A. S., and besieged him there so that, for fear of death, he dared not come out for a long time, until he was rescued by the good men of the town, assembling there.

¹ See no. 161, above.

279. Item presentant quod predictus Willelmus de Thoresby et Willelmus filius Andree Milnere et paruus Henricus de Saltflethauen' die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Gregorij pape anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo in Iohannem filium Willelmi Warde de Saltflethauen apud Saltflethauen' insultum fecerunt et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt et vnum gladium [et] xxiiij sagittas precij dimidie marce de eodem Iohanne filio Willelmi ibidem contra voluntatem suam furtiue ceperunt et asportauerunt.¹ (*Marg: Felonia.*)

The same W. and W. assaulted J., son of W. W., beat him etc. and stole a sword and 24 arrows of his, worth half a mark, against his will.

¹ See App. XIV (*ii*), p. 126, below, for trial of Milner. The others were put in exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

280. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Hanneworth' vicarius ecclesie cathedralis beate Marie Lincoln' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Michelis Archangeli anno xlviii apud Hanneworth' in Aliciam vxorem Iohannis Chaumberlayne de Hanneworth' insultum fecit et eam verberauit et male tractauit ita quod de vita eius disperabatur contra pacem etc.

Marg: SOUTHR'

281. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Simon Adrian de Luda Iohannes de Wykham de eadem Willelmus de Sadeworth' Willelmus Scotte Iohannes de Limbergh' Willelmus Warde Petrus de Beseby Iohannes Walche Iohannes Scotte Ricardus Mich' Willelmus de Yordeburgh' Iohannes filius Alexandri et Iohannes Shiref' presentant quod Iohannes Tasker de Northormesby die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie anno xlviii apud Northormesby felonice interfecit Robertum filium Thome de Kelum.¹ (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ See no. 384, below, and App. XV, p. 127, below.

282. Item presentant quod Willelmus de Thoresby de Saltflethauen die Lune proximo post festum sancti Gregorij Pape anno xlviii [in] Iohannem de Grauesmylne esterlyng insultum fecit apud Saltflethauen' et vnum barellum de alleciis albis del Skone precij vj s. viij d. et quinque coria bouinis [sic] precij vj s. viij d. de predicto Iohanne de Grauesmylne esterlyng apud Saltflethauen' furtiue cepit et abduxit. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

W. de T. assaulted J. de G., a Hansard, at Saltfleet Haven, and stole from him a barrel of white herrings of Skoue¹ worth 6s. 8d. and five hides worth 6s. 8d. See nos. 161 and 273-79, above.

¹ La Skone=Skania (Sweden), the centre of the white herring trade.

283. Item dicunt quod Petrus Pyndere de Markeby in festo sancte Marie Magdalene anno xlviii insultum fecit Willelmo filio Roberti Hannay apud Aswarby et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

284. Item presentant quod Willelmus Smythesson' de Beseby renuit seruire in eadem villa iuxta ordinacionem de seruientibus editam set exiuit alibi laborando pro maiori salario recipiendo videlicet tempore autumpni anno xlviii postquam attachiatus fuit per constabularium de Beseby ad seruiendum in eadem villa.

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Marg: CALSWATH

285. Item presentant quod vbi Henricus Taskere de Wode-thorpe per constabularium eiusdem ville attachiatus fuit ad laborandum in eadem villa prout per statutum inde ordinatum est idem tamen Henricus ibidem deseruire recusauit et aliunde extra villam pro maiori salario recipiendo moram fecit contra formam ordinacionis predictae.

286. Et quod idem Henricus die Mercurii proximo post festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno xlviii cepit quandam Iohannem Carterem de Strubby et Iohannem filium ipsius Iohannis seruientes prioris de Markeby apud Strubby contra formam ordinacionis de seruientibus edite.

287. Item presentant quod constabularius villate de Lekebourne non venit coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis

iusticiariis apud Ludam die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Michelis Archangeli anno xlvij ad presentandum pro domino rege prout habuerunt in mandatis per quod negocia domini regis ad diem predictam ceperunt dilacionem. (*Marg*: Constabularius.)

The constable of Legbourn failed to come before the justices to make presentments on behalf of the king as they (the justices) had commanded, whereby the king's business was delayed that day.

288. Juratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes de Barton' de Ormesby Ricardus de Acres de Lotheburgh' Rogerus de Halyngton' de eadem Walterus South de eadem Iohannes de Ratheby de eadem Rogerus Coupere de Vtterby Willelmus atte Kirke de Ormesby Iohannes Donnay de Fotherby Walterus de Skelyngthorpe de eadem Willelmus Galay de Wragholm' Thomas de Coueby de Wyn' et Iohannes atte Kirkyate de Couenham presentant quod Alanus Tauerner de Yardburgh'¹ die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iacobi apostoli anno xlvij apud Couenham furtiue furatus fuit tres bidentes precij iij s. de Roberto de Calthorp de Couenham. (*Marg*: Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

289. Item presentant quod Willelmus Milnere¹ nuper seruiens prioris de Ormesby die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno xlvj felonice furatus fuit octo ferros molendini vocatos billes in molendino de Ormesby precij ij s. et tres pannos lineos vocatos seyleclothes precij iij s. de eodem molendino apud Ormesby que fuerunt prioris de Ormesby. (*Marg*: Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

290. Item presentant quod Petrus Daubere¹ de Louthe die Lune proximo post festum Pentecostes anno xl apud Appelay felonice rapuit Iohannam vxorem Willelmi White de Aluyngham et eam cum bonis et catallis eiusdem Willelmi ad valenciam viginti solidorum abduxit. (*Marg*: Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

291. Item presentant quod vbi Iohannes Donnay constabularius de Fotherby die Lune proximo post festum apostolorum Philippi et Iacobi anno xlvij venit apud Fotherby ad attachiandum Emmam Webster de Fotherby pro quibusdam transgressionibus per ipsam factis ibi venit quidam Alanus Souter de Fotherby cum quodam gladio in manu sua extracto et ipsum constabularium quominus officium suum facere potuit impediuit contra pacem etc.

When J. D., the constable of Fotherby, came to Fotherby to attach E. W. for various trespasses, a certain A. S. came there with his drawn sword in his hand and prevented the constable from doing his duty.

292. Item quod Ricardus Rolleson' de Wragholm et Iohannes atte Milne de Ermesthorpe sunt communes mercatores piscium apud Ludam et alijs villis mercatorijs in patria et venderunt pisces ibidem per tres annos iam proxime preteritos ad lucrum

excessiuum videlicet quilibet eorum cepit de excessu per tempus predictum ad summam dimidie marce.

R. R. and J. M. are common fishmongers at Louth and other market towns of the district, and for the last three years they have sold fish there at excess profits, that is, each of them during that time has taken excess amounting to half a mark.

Marg: YORBURGH'

293. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes de Oueresby de Barton' Willelmus de Barton' de eadem Willelmus de Wraghby de eadem Robertus de Gastrik de eadem Willelmus Smyth de eadem Iohannes de Manby Iohannes Baldewyne de eadem Iohannes de Seton' de eadem Iohannes Danyel de eadem Willelmus Marchall Willelmus de Burnum Iohannes Baile de eadem et Thomas Leche de eadem presentant quod Willelmus Brian die Veneris proximo post festum translacionis sancti Thome martiris anno xlvij felonice interfecit Robertum Whyn apud Barton'.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ See App. V, p. 111, below.

294. Item presentant quod vbi Willelmus Faueres de Barton' et Walterus Longe et Auicia vxor eius Agnes Mille Iuliana Waryn et Alicia de Grymesby de Barton' assignati fuissent per constabularium ville de Barton' ad seruiendum abbati de Bardenay apud Barton' tempore autumpni anno xlvij idem Willelmus et alij ibidem seruire recusarunt et pro maiori salario capiendo ab eadem villa exierunt in regis contemptum etc.

Marg: WALESCROFT

295. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Willelmus Daynell' Walterus filius Simonis Willelmus de Grene de Teuelby Iohannes filius Stephani Willelmus Marchall Willelmus Bayous Iohannes Lang' Iohannes de Cryby Willelmus Cauce Thomas Bonde Petrus Curtays et Alkok Fisshere presentant quod Robertus Kuygel de Estrason'¹ die Martis in festo assumptionis beate Marie anno xlvij felonice interfecit Robertum Girdyng' de Estrason' apud Estrason'. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

296. Item presentant quod Thomas filius Roberti Wrighte de Toft carpentarius non vult deseruire nec artificium suum exercere in villa de Toft licet sepius requisitus fuerat per Hugonem personam ecclesie de Toft et alios homines eiusdem ville set recessit ab eadem villa ad commorandum alibi per patriam pro excessiuo salario capiendo videlicet annis regni regis nunc xlvj et xlvij. Et sic cepit de excessu per tempus predictum ad summam vj s. viij d.

T., son of R. W., a carpenter, will not enter service nor work at his craft in Toft, though often called upon to do so by the parson and other men of the town, but left the town in the 46th and 47th years to live elsewhere in the neighbourhood in order to get higher wages: his excess wages during that time amounted to 6s. 8d.

[*m. 9*]

Adhuc de presentacionibus et indictamentis captis coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis iusticiariis in partibus de Lyndeseye de anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xlvij.

Marg: WRAGHOWE

297. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Iohannes Fisshere de Bardenay Willelmus Theker de eadem Willelmus Furnes de eadem Iohannes Dyker de eadem Gilbertus Chyld de eadem Alanus Tasker de eadem Stephanus Lang' de eadem et Iohannes Hardlad de eadem Cecilia Ka de eadem Iohanna filia Henrici Couper de eadem Matillis de Ely de eadem Alicia vxor Simonis Souter de eadem communes laboratores requisiti fuerunt per Simonem Tele et Ricardum Gladwyn constabularios de Bardenay die Lune proximo post festum sancti Petri Aduincula anno xlvij apud Bardenay ad operandum in eadem villa in autumpno tunc proxime sequente cum abbate de Bardenay et cum alijs eiusdem ville capiendo pro laboribus suis iuxta statutum domini regis inde editum qui quidem Iohannes Fisshere et alij recusarunt deseruire in villa predicta set die et anno predictis deuillauerunt pro maiori salario capiendo in contemptum domini regis et contra statutum etc.

J. F. and others, common labourers, were required by the constables of Bardney to work there in autumn for the abbot of Bardney and others of the town, receiving wages according to the statute, but they refused to serve there and left the town to get higher wages.

298. Item presentant quod Ricardus Taillour de Legsby seruiens Willelmi Lene de Lyssyngton' per Robertum Pyk constabularium de Lissyngton' apud Lissyngton' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iacobi apostoli anno xlvij sepius requisitus fuerat ad iuramentum faciendum de seruiendo in eadem villa prefato Willelmo Lene in officio carucarii qui quidem Ricardus predictis die et loco iuramentum predictum facere recusauit et ab eadem villa fugiendo vbique in patriam moram traxit pro maiori salario ibidem recipiendo in contemptum domini regis.

R. T., servant of W. L., was often required by the constable of Lissyngton to take the oath to work for the said W. in that town as ploughman, but he refused to take the oath, fled from the town, and spent his time in the countryside in order to get higher wages there.

Marg: WELLEWAPPENTACUM

299. Item presentant quod Willelmus de Clifford nuper manens in Wylyngham iuxta Stowe die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Nicholai anno xlvij Robertum Gamel apud Wylyngham insultauit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

300. Item presentant quod vbi iuratores de Wellewappentaco habuerunt diem apud Lincoln' coram Iohanne Poucher et sociis suis iusticiariis die Lune proximo post festum sancti Nicholai anno xlvij ad presentandum pro domino rege et villate de Stowe Marton'

et Stretton habuerunt diem ibidem ad informandum predictos iuratores super certis articulis eedem villate ibidem venire ad predictum diem noluerunt per quod negocia domini regis ad diem predictum ceperunt dilacionem. (*Marg: Villate.*)

Whereas a day was appointed for the jurors of Well to come before the justices at Lincoln to make presentments on behalf of the king; and a day was appointed for the townships of Stow, Marton, and Sturton to come there and give information to the jurors concerning certain articles, the said townships refused to come on the appointed day, whereby the king's business was delayed.

Marg: LAURIZ

301. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Ricardus Couherd de Wykenby Willelmus de Musterton et Robertus Taskere de Wykenby die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Martini anno xlvij quatuor solidos argenti in pecunia numerata et vnum flaket precij xij d. de Roberto Purdome apud Wykenby cepit et asportauit contra pacem etc.

302. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Perlica de Dunham exiuit extra villam de Dunham vsque Skothorn ad triturandum cum Alicia Belle de Skothorn capiendo a prefata Alicia pro qualibet die anno xlvj tempore iemali iij d. et mensam et sic cepit de excessu xij d. contra statutum.

J. P. went from Dunholme to Scothorne to thresh for A. B., receiving from her 3d. a day and his board in winter during the 46th year, and he received thus 12d. in excess wages.

303. Item presentant quod vbi Willelmus Pygot balliuus domini regis wappentaci predicti habuit quoddam preceptum per iusticiarios domini regis de pace in partibus de Lyndesey ad attachiandum Ricardum de Maundeuill' capellanum indictatum coram prefatis iusticiariis de diuersis transgressionibus et extorcionibus dictusque Willelmus Pygot dictum Ricardum Maundeuill' attachiasset et in custodia sua habuisset apud Stowe Beate Marie videlicet die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Nicholai anno supradicto idem balliuus prefatum Ricardum Maundeuill' a custodia sua voluntarie permisit abire in regis contemptum etc.

Whereas W. P., bailiff of Lawress wapentake, had a writ from the justices of the peace in Lindsey to attach R. de M., chaplain, indicted before them of various trespasses and extortions, and had attached the said R. and had him in his custody at Stow St Mary, he permitted the said R. to escape from his custody.

304. Item dicunt quod Iohannes seruicens Ricardi Maldesson' de Burton' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno xlvij Isabellam Rothynger de Burton' apud Burton' insultauit verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

305. Item presentant quod Ricardus Lewyn de Lyncoln' cordewaner Iohannes Ribald de eadem cordewaner et Nicholaus de Wotton' de eadem cordewaner vendiderunt communiter annis regni regis nunc xlvj xlvij et xlvij apud Lyncoln' et alibi in diuersis

villis mercatoribus patrie vnum par sotularum pro vij d. et sic ceperunt de excessu quilibet eorum ad summam dimidie marce.

R. L., J. R., and N. W., shoemakers, commonly sold a pair of shoes for 7d. at Lincoln and elsewhere in the 46th, 47th and 48th years, and thus each made excess profits amounting to half a mark.

306. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Gadeby de Ryland couter cepit de Roberto de Nework Agnete Hurt et alijs pro vno par sotularum vij d. et sic cepit de excessu ad summam ij s. contra statutum etc.

307. Item presentant quod Ricardus Bisshop' de Saxilby die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Nicholai anno xlviiiij vi et armis venit ad domum Iohannis Nore de eadem et Iohannem Cok seruientem Iohannes Nore apud Sixilby a seruicio ipsius Iohannis abduxit contra pacem domini regis.

308. Item presentant quod Rolandus de Staynfeld barker est communis forstallarius de coreis bouinis [et] vaccinis in foro de Rasene Wrauby Louth et Somercotes anno xlviiiij et ea vendidit tannata et cepit lucrum excessiuum ad summam dimidie marce.

R. de S., a tanner, was a common forestaller of ox-hides and cow-hides in the markets of Rasen, Wrawby, Louth, and Somercotes in the 48th year, and sold them tanned and made excess profits of half a mark.

309. Item dicunt quod Thomas Greyuesson' de Beltesford die Lune proximo post festum Pentecostes anno xlviiiij et ibidem [sic] in regia via inter Lincoln' et Langwath insidiauit Stephanum Bell de Langwath et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem domini regis.

Marg: LAURIZ

310. Item iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas Faukener de Dunham Willelmus Hannay Radulfus Foster Willelmus Belle Henricus Lang' Nicholaus de Ryson Stephanus Bolle Thomas Stacy de Dunham Iohannes de Crofte Simon Matheu Iohannes Clerk' de Carleton' et Walterus Freman presentant quod Iohannes Pye de Ryland¹ die Lune proximo post festum sancti Gregori pape anno xlvij apud Ryland Iohannem seruientem Iohannis de Gadeby felonice interfecit.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

311. Item presentant quod Iohannes Sharpe de Spridlyngton' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno xlviiiij vnum equum Iohannis de Nettleham de Spryngton' precij decem solidorum apud Spritlyngton' inuentum cepit furtiue et abduxit.¹

¹ See nos. 392 and 393, below, and App. XVI, p. 128, below.

312. Item dicunt quod cum Ricardus Hayse de Themelby et Alanus Babys in seruicio Thome de Themelby apud Themelby nuper retenti ad seruendum a festo sancti Martini anno xlviiiij per vnum annum integrum tunc proxime sequentem ijdem Ricardus

et Alanus ab eodem seruiicio ante finem termini predicti sine causa rationabili et licencia ipsius Thome recesserunt in regis contemptum etc.

PRESENTACIONES ET INDICTAMENTA CAPTA CORAM ROBERTO DE WYLUGHBY ET SOCIIS SUIS IUSTICIARIIS DOMINI REGIS IN PARTIBUS DE LYNDESEYE DE ANNO REGNI REGIS EDWARDI TERCII POST CONQUESTUM QUADRAGESIMO NONO.

Marg: BRADLE

313. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas Moyne Petrus de Cotum Thomas Louenam Iohannes Talifer Robertus de Fenby Willelmus de Toynton' Willelmus Daulynson' Iohannes Person Willelmus Reuill' Ricardus Brand Iohannes de Chapell' et Henricus filius Radulfi presentant quod Rogerus de Croft de Irby¹ die Iouis proximo post festum Assencionis domini anno xlvij apud Irby furatus fuit vnum bidentem Henrici de Grene precij x d. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

314. Item presentant quod Iohannes filius Laurencii de Alesby et Willelmus Cok de eadem sunt communes braciatores et vendunt ceruisiam apud Alesby contra assisam videlicet per discos et ciphos et non per mensuras sigillatas et vendiderunt lagenam pro j d. ob. vbi solebat vendere lagenam pro j d. et sic quilibet eorum cepit in excessu xij d. contra statutum. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

J., son of L. A., and W. C. are common brewers and sell ale at Aylesby agunst the assize, namely in bowls and cups and not in sealed measures; and they sold at 1½d. a gallon instead of 1d., and thus each of them made an excess profit of 12d.

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Marg: BRADLE

315. Item presentant quod Walterus Shepherd de Irby est communis braciator et vendit ceruisiam contra assisam videlicet per discos et non per mensuras sigillatas contra statutum etc. anno xlvij.

316. Item dicunt quod Iohanna Lambe de Irby quod Willelmus Maurice de Humberstan et Henricus de Luda de eadem braciatores ceruisie vendiderunt ceruisiam anno xlix apud Irreby et Humberstan videlicet lagenam j d. ob. et aliquando pro ij d. contra assisam et contra proclamacionem in curiis dominorum ibidem factam.

Marg: WALESCROFT

317. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas Withys de Lindewode Willelmus Daynel de Thornton' Walterus filius Simonis de Walesby Iohannes filius Stephani de Midrason Willelmus atte Grene de Teuelby Petrus Raulyn de Bynbrok Alanus Fishere

de Kelsay Robertus Hiedoun de Houresby Willelmus Berel de Middelrason Iohannes Bliton de Osgoteby Philippus de Snelleslond de Thorgranby et Iohannes de Halyngton' de Osgotby presentant quod Willelmus filius Henrici de Conyngesby die Lune proximo post festum conuersionis Sancti Pauli anno xlix apud Conyngesby felonice interfecit Iohannem nuper seruientem Iacobi Braban de Conyngesby.¹ (*Marg:* Willelmus Henrici Felonia.)

¹ See App. XVII, p. 129, below.

318. Et quod Iohannes Coote de Conyngesby barkere et Iohannes Crake de eadem fuerunt fautores et auxiliatores ipsius Willelmi filii Henrici ad feloniam predictam faciendam. (*Marg:* Accessorii.)

319. Item presentant quod Iohannes Mundeson' de Houresby die Martis proximo post festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno xlix vi et armis Matillem seruientem prioris de Royston extra seruicium ipsius Prioris apud Houresby cepit et abduxit postquam eadem Matillis attachiata fuit per constabularium eiusdem ville ad seruendum eidem priori.

Marg: YORBURGH'

320. Iuratores presentant quod Iohannes Berege de Barkworth' [et] Iohannes Tache seruientis domini Willelmi de Gibthorpe militis in festo sancti Thome martiris anno xlviii clausum Thome Baa apud Stalyngburgh' vi et armis intrauerunt et ipsum Thomam et Iohannem filium eius ibidem verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt contra pacem etc.

Marg: ASWARDHOWE

321. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Robertus de Cokewald Willelmus de Cadenay de Fenby Willelmus de Wachelton' de Cadeby de Brygesley Rogerus de Candlessou' de Waltham Radulfus Champard de Hawardby Robertus Bokenald de Rauendale Iohannes filius Stephani de Waltham Thomas Est' de Hattelyf' Iohannes filius Willelmi de Neuton' Iohannes Galey de Foulstowemerssh' et Willelmus filius Hugonis de Bernolby presentant quod Willelmus Spensere¹ quondam seruientis Thome Nunche rectoris ecclesie de Rothewell' furtiue cepit viginti bidentes de eodem Thoma apud Rothewell' in festo sancti Nicholai anno xlviii precij xl s. et abduxit. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

322. Item presentant quod Willelmus de Farthforth quondam balliuus wappentaci de Aswardhowe die Lune proximo post festum sancti Petri Aduincula anno xlv^{to} colore officij sui cepit quendam saccum cum quattuor lynthiaminibus et vno cooperitorio lecti et vnum forcerium cum alijs bonis et catallis ad valenciam viginti solidorum de Iohanne filio Walteri de Askeby apud Askeby cepit et asportauit sine causa.

323. Et quod idem Willelmus balliuus die Dominica proxima ante festum purificationis beate Marie anno xlix colore officij cepit de Iohanne Redheued de Rauendale apud Rauendale viginti solidos in pecunia numerata et eos asportauit sine causa racionabili.

324. Item presentant quod villata de Swynhope non venit ad informandum iuratores hundredi predicti ad certum diem sibi prefixum videlicet tercio die Aprilis anno xlix supradicto per quod negocia domini regis ceperunt dilacionem.

Marg: WALESCROFT

325. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod villata de Normanby iuxta Claxby villata de Estrason villata de Wylingham villata de Thoresby et villata de Irford non venerunt apud Castre die Martis in festo sancti Ambrosij anno xlix ad informandum iuratores wappentaci predicti super certis articulis dominum regem tangencibus per quod negocia domini Regis ad diem predictum ceperunt dilacionem.

The townships of Normanby by Claxby, East Rasen, [North] Willingham, [North] Thoresby, and Irford failed to come to Caistor to give information to the jurors of the wapentake as to certain articles touching the king, whereby the king's business was delayed.

Marg: WRAGHWE

326. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas Wace de Wylyngham Henricus Horne de Haynton' Iohannes Biddes de eadem Iohannes atte Graunge de Houton' Ricardus Haulay de eadem Thomas de Brynkhill' de eadem Iohannes atte Beck' de Bykeryng' Petrus de Malteby de Fulnetby Thomas de Myton' de Lissington' Robertus Pyke de eadem Robertus de Haynton' de Tiryngton' et Rogerus de Tetford de Lissington' presentant quod vbi Robertus de Holm vnus coronatorum domini regis in comitatu Lincoln' videlicet in Southridyng' venit apud Conyngesby die Lune proximo post festum sancti Petri Aduincula anno xlviiij ad faciendum officium suum ad inquirendum de morte Iohannis filii Margarete Belle de Horneastre apud Conyngesby felonice interfecti ut dicebatur. Ad quem diem venerunt quidam malefactores videlicet Nicholaus de Lincoln' de Tateshale Agneta Wale de Conyngesby Iohannes Smyth de Tateshale constabularius eiusdem ville Nicholaus Smyth' de eadem Willelmus Taillour de eadem Iohannes Colet de eadem Robertus Souter de eadem Iohannes Woderof' de eadem Iohannes Hobard de eadem Galfridus Ropere de eadem Iohannes Elmet de eadem Rogerus Kelyng' de eadem Benedictus Coupere constabularius de Conyngesby Willelmus filius Henrici constabularius de eadem et Robertus de Comberworth de eadem et ipsum coronatorem quominus officium suum ibidem facere non potuit totaliter impediuerunt et in ipsum coronatorem ibidem insultum feecerunt ita quod de vita eius disperabatur in

domini regis contemptum et regie corone sue lesionem manifestam et contra pacem domini regis.

When R. de H., one of the coroners of Lincolnshire in the South Riding, came to Coningsby to perform his office by holding an inquest on the death of J., son of M. B., killed there feloniously, as it was reported, certain evil-doers, namely N. de L. and others came that day, and altogether prevented the said coroner from performing his office, and assaulted him so that his life was despaired of.

327. Item iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Ricardus¹ filius Willelmi Kyng' de Market Staynton' nuper seruiens Ricardi Haulay de Houton' die Iouis proximo post festum trans-lacionis sancti Thome martiris anno xlvij felonice furatus fuit vnam tunicam de russeto Walteri de Brinkhull de Houton' precij ijs. apud Houton' et de prefato Ricardo Haule vnum tapetum precij xvij d. apud Houton'. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

328. Et quod Iohannes filius Iohannis Togod de Myntyng' die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Petri in cathedra anno xlvij felonice interfecit Thomam seruientem Willelmi Forster de Thorlay apud Goudeby.¹ (*Marg:* Togod.)

² See App. XVII, p. 129, below.

329. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Willelmus filius Henrici et Thomas filius Roberti de Tynton et Iohannes filius Ade de Tynton' venerunt apud Dalderby die Lune in festo sancti Benedicti anno xlvij et ibidem in Iohannem filium Walteri Wynter de Tynton insultum fecerunt et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt ita quod de vita eius disperabatur contra pacem etc.

330. Item presentant quod Willelmus filius Iohannis de Tynton' venit in campis de Tynton' die Mercurii proximo post festum concepcionis beate Marie anno xlvij et ibidem in Iohannem filium Walteri Wyntar de Tynton' insultum fecit et ipsum verberavit vulneravit et male tractavit contra pacem etc.

331. Item presentant quod Hugo Lambe de Hirby cissor [manens ?] in Hemyngby die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Thome martiris anno xlvij vi et armis insultum fecit Willelmo Gocelyn de eadem apud Hemyngby et [in] Gilbertum cissorem de eadem predicto tempore ibidem insultum fecit et ipsum verberavit [et] vulneravit ita quod de vita eius disperabatur. Et super hoc venit Thomas de Wrangel constabularius eiusdem ville et dictum Hugonem attachiare voluisset et dictus Hugo dictum attachiam-entum vi et armis rescussit et ipsum Thomas [sic] de Wrangel constabularium verberavit [et] vulneravit contra pacem.

H. L., a tailor, assaulted W. G., and at the same time he assaulted G., a tailor, and beat him etc. so that his life was despaired of. Whereupon came T. W. the constable of the town and would have arrested the said H., but he forcibly resisted arrest and beat and wounded the constable.

Marg: CALSWATH

332. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Ricardus Gentylede de Gayton' et Thomas filius Rogeri de eadem die Lune proximo post festum sancte Margarete virginis anno xlvij vi et armis prosequabantur quendam Laurencium Cokk de Gayton' a dicta villa de Gayton' vsque ad boscum de Burwell' ad ipsum interficiendum causa cuius prosecucionis se cepit ad boscum predictum pro vita sua saluanda dimittendo ibidem equum suum sellatum et alia catalla ad valenciam x s. contra pacem etc.

R. G. and T., son of R., chased a certain L. C. from the town of Gayton [le Marsh] to Burwell wood with intent to kill, and by reason of this pursuit he took to the said wood to save his life, giving up there his horse, saddled, and other goods worth 10s.

[*m. 10*]

Adhuc de presentacionibus et indictamentis captis coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis in partibus de Lyndesey anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum quadragésimo nono.

Marg: LOTHBURGH

333. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes Cook' de Cownam Iohannes Barton' de Northormesby Iohannes Donnay Iohannes Raniar Iohannes Ratheby Robertus Chippert Willelmus Raniar Robertus Forman de Vtterby Rogerus de Halyngton' Iohannes Coot Robertus Argram et Robertus Raynalud presentant quod Alicia¹ vxor Iohannis Bennett de Wragholm furtiue cepit de diuersis hominibus videlicet de Iohanne Cook' et Willelmo Wester de Wragholm anates et galinas precij ij s. apud Wragholm die Iouis proximo ante festum sancti Martini anno xlix et abduxit. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

334. Item presentant quod Ricardus Spenser¹ de Wald Neuton' et Willelmus Waryner¹ de North Thoresby die Iouis in festo Corporis Christi anno xlix felonice interfecerunt Robertum Gascall' de Wald Neuton' et Iohannem de Thorganby de eadem apud Wald Neuton'.² (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375. ²See also nos. 78, 79, 111 above, 336, 337, 343, 352, 353, below, and App. XVIII, p. 130, below.

335. Item presentant quod Iohannes (finem fecit¹) filius Hugonis de Gelyngham de Skremby clausum Willelmi Skipwyth militis apud Calthorp' die Lune proximo ante festum sancte Katerine virginis anno xlix intrauit et Iohannem filium Roberti Sergeaunt de eadem in seruicio ipsius Willelmi ibidem existentem cepit et abduxit contra voluntatem ipsius Willelmi.

Marg: ASWADESHOWE

336. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Alanus de Hatteclif' Robertus de Cokewolde Willelmus de Bathe Iohannes Heruy

Iohannes de Neuton' Ricardus de Yordeburgh' Thomas Est Rogerus de Candelesby Robertus de Assorby Thomas Odelyn Willelmus Monsterloue et Gilbertus de Gonerby presentant quod Ricardus Spenser de Wald Neuton et Thomas Wariner¹ quondam seruiens Iohannis de Helyng' militis die Iouis in festo Corporis Christi anno xlix felonice interfecerunt Robertum Gascall' de Wald Neuton in Wald Neuton'.² (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375. ² See also nos. 78, 79, 111, 334, above, 337, 352, 353, below, and App. XVIII, p. 130, below.

337. Et quod idem Thomas die anno et loco predictis felonice interfecit Iohannem de Thorgamby de Thoresby.¹

¹ See also nos. 334, above, 352, 353, below, and App. XVIII, p. 130, below.

338. Item presentant quod Willelmus Vk' de Somercotes die Lune proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno xlvij quadraginta cuniculos Iohannis ducis Lancastrie precij vij s. et trescentos et [sic] cuniculos Iohannis ducis Brettanie¹ et Roberti de Wylughby militis precij xx librarum apud Somercotes inuentos felonice cepit et asportauit. (*Marg: Vk'. Felonia.*)

W. U. stole 40 conies belonging to the duke of Lancaster, worth 7s., and 300 belonging to the duke of Brittany and to Sir Robert de Wylughby, worth £20, which he found at Somercotes.

¹ John (de Montfort) V of Brittany, earl of Richmond, the protégé of Edward III. was at this time a fugitive from his duchy. See Tout, *Political History of England*, p. 357.

339. Item presentant quod Iohannes de [sic] seruiens Roberti de Beuerlye in Elsham die Dominica post festum sancti Augustini anno xlix Robertum de Ardene personam ecclesie de Thoresway apud Glannforde Brigge verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem et est communis perturbator pacis.¹ (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

¹ See nos. 350, 357 and 360, below.

Marg: YORDEBURGH

340. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Robertus de Kydale de Horkestowe Robertus de Gaskeric Iohannes de Leghbourn Iohannes de Kent Iohannes Baldewyn de Barton' Robertus atte Hill' de Vlseyby Ricardus de Laghton' de Lynbergh' Thomas filius Alani de Barow Ricardus Scot de Croxton' Rolandus de Gryseyby Ricardus de Cotes de Goushill' et Iohannes Wysman de Barneby presentant quod Henricus Olyer¹ de Suthkelesay die Lune proximo post festum sancte Trinitatis anno xlix felonice furatus fuit duos equos precij xl s. de Iohanne Barde de North' Kelesay apud North' Kelesay. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

341. Et quod idem Henricus die et anno predictis felonice furatus fuit vnum equum precij xx s. de Iohanne Westeby de Housum apud Kadenay. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

342. Item presentant quod Thomas Taskar¹ de Neuton' iuxta Torkesay die Iouis proximo ante festum sancti Barnabe apostoli anno supradicto felonice furatus fuit noctanter vnum equum precij xvjs. de Willelmo de Lincoln' de Neuton' apud Neuton'. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

343. Item presentant quod Willelmus Gentil¹ de Wald Neuton' die Iouis in festo Corporis Christi anno xlix Iohannem Shepherde seruientem Roberti Gascall' apud Wald Neuton' felonice interfecit.¹ (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹See also nos. 78, 79, 111, 334, 336, above, 352, 353, below, and App. XVIII, p., 130 below.

344. Et quod Ricardus Gyse Augustinus de Morpath' Walterus Chamberlayn Willelmus de Hole Robertus Cook de Scotton' Agatha ancilla Matillis de Cantilupo seruientes domini Willelmi de Canti Lupo militis die Veneris proximo ante festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno xlix^o apud Scotton' predictum Willelmum de Canti Lupo dominum suum felonice et tradiciose interfecerunt.¹ (*Marg: Felonia. Canti Lupo.*)

R. G., A. de M., W. C., W. de H., R. C., and Agatha, the maid of Maud de Cantilupe, servants of Sir William de Cantilupe, feloniously and treacherously slew the said W., their master, at Scotton in the 49th year.

¹See also nos. 358, 362, 369, 377, 418, 452, below, and App. XXIX, p. 141, below.

345. Et quod Iohannes Bolle de Thornton' et Alicia vxor eius braciauerunt seruiciam et vendiderunt contra assisam videlicet per discos et ciphos et non per mensuras sigillatas videlicet apud Thornton' anno xlix contra statutum et sunt rebelles et nolunt iusticiari per constabularium eiusdem ville. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

346. Item presentant quod Iohannes Smyth' de Glaunforde-bridgge anno supradicto braciauit ceruiciam et vendidit contra assisam videlicet infra domum suam absque signo ponendo et per discos et ciphos.

347. Et similiter Thomas de Barton' et Nicholaus Souter de Glaunford Brigge braciauerunt et vendiderunt ceruiciam contra assisam in forma predicta.

348. Item presentant quod Willelmus de Douer¹ de Wolricby est rebellis contra constabularios eiusdem ville et non vult iusticiari per eosdem et renuit facere vigiliis cum alijs vicinis in eadem villa prout per statutum inde ordinatum est in regis contemptum etc. videlicet anno xlix.

W. de D. disobeys the constables and will not take orders from them and refuses to keep the watch with the other neighbours in the town, as ordained by the statute.

¹See App. XIX, p. 133, below.

349. Et quod vbi Iohannes Fraunceys custos animalium de Wolricby coram iusticiariis de pace in partibus de Lindeseye apud Castre anno videlicet xlvij de quibusdam feloniis indictatus fuit

et eadem causa ibidem captus et imprisonatus idem Iohannes Fraunceys in defectu custodie Willelmi de Douer et Rogeri Smyth' de Wolricby¹ euasit videlicet xv die Maij anno supradieto.

Whereas J. F., keeper of the animals [i.e. herdsman ?] of Worlaby, was indicted of various felonies before the justices of the peace in Lindsey, and therefore taken and imprisoned, the said J. F. escaped, for lack of custody by W. de D. and R. S.

¹ See App. XIX, p. 133, below.

Marg: BRADELAY

350. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Robertus de Truncho et alij dicunt quod Iohannes de Wylungton' die Dominica proxima ante festum sancti Augustini anno supradieto in Robertum de Ardern personam ecclesie de Thoresway apud Glanford Brigge insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.¹

¹ See nos. 339, above, 357 and 360, below.

Marg: WALSCROFT

351. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Willelmus Tyuill' de Thornton' Walterus filius Simonis de Walesby Philippus de Lounde de Thoreanterby [?] Willelmus Marsshall' de Celby Willelmus Borell' de Middelrasyn Willelmus Cauff de Westrasy[n] Willelmus de Melton' de Ouresby Ricardus de Melton' de eadem Iohannes Warde de Bynbrok' Alanus Fisshere de Kelsey Iohannes filius Roberti de Westrasyn et Iohannes Vessy de Kelsey presentant quod Willelmus Emmotson'¹ de Bamburgh' apud Stratam intra villam [sic] de Teelby et Staynton' die Mercurii proximo post festum Corporis Christi anno xlix felonice interfecit quandam extraneum et ipsum depredauit de vno equo et alijs catallis precij decem marcarum. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ See App. XX, p. 134, below.

352. Item presentant quod Ricardus Spenser de Neuton' et Thomas Pynder de Helyng' quondam seruiens Iohannis de Helyng' militis die Iouis in festo Corporis Christi anno xlix felonice interfecerunt Robertum Gascall' de Wald Neuton' apud Wald Neuton'.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ See also nos. 78, 79, 111, 334, 336, 337, 343, above, 353, below, and App. XVIII, p. 130, below.

353. Item presentant quod Willelmus Gentill' de Wald Neuton' die Iouis in festo Corporis Christi anno xlix felonice interfecit Iohannem de Thorgamby shephirde apud Wald Neuton' et statim fugiebat.¹

¹ See also nos. 334, 336, above, and App. XVIII, p. 130, below.

354. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Bupton'¹ de Teelby die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Petri aduincula anno xlv apud Teelby felonice furatus fuit duas libras de filo lineo precij x d. de Henrico Webster de Telby. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

355. Item presentant quod Ricardus Walker de Telby Iohannes de Brumpton' webster de eadem et Ricardus Smythe de eadem sunt communes braciatores et vendunt ceruisiam per ciphos et discos et non per mensuras sigillatas contra assisam videlicet Laurencio de Wadyngham et alijs anno xlix. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

356. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Marchall' de Telby constabularius de eadem precepit Emme vxori Ricardi Stepyng' de Telby communi laborarie quod iuraret ad statutum tenere et dicta Emma recusauit iurare et noluit iusticiari nisi ad voluntatem suam. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

W. M., the constable of Tealby, ordered E., wife of R. S., a common labourer, to take the oath to keep the statute, and she refused to swear and would not obey except at her own will.

357. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Wylughton' seruiens Roberti de Beuerlaeo de Elsham die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Augustini anno xlix apud Glannford Brigge in Robertum de Ardern personam ecclesie de Thoresway insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc. Et quod ipse est communis perturbator pacis domini regis.¹ (*Marg: transgressio.*)

¹ See also nos. 339, 350, above, and 360, below.

Marg: CORYNGHAM

358. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Nicholaus atte Halle de Coryngham Iohannes Clakk' de eadem Robertus Hemond de Morton' Ricardus filius Roberti de Bliton' Radulfus de Scotton' de Kirketon' Willelmus filius Roberti de Warton' Robertus Gerard de Laghton' Willelmus Hardy de eadem Ricardus filius Willelmi de Heylyng Willelmus de Calkewell' de Springthorpe Thomas de Sandale de Bliton' et Adam filius Willelmi de Walkreth presentant quod Augustinus de Morpath' Ricardus Gyse de Scotton' Robertus Coke de eadem et Iohannes Chamberleyn felonice interfecerunt dominum Willelmum de Cantilupo militem die Veneris post festum annunciacionis beate Marie apud Scotton'. Et quod Matillis vxor predicti domini Willelmi et Agatha seruiens predictae Matillis fuerunt procurantes auxiliantes et consentientes ad mortem predicti domini Willelmi anno xlix.¹ (*Marg: Cantilupo. Felonia. Accessorie.*)

¹ See also nos. 344, above, 362, 369, 377, 418, 452, below, and App. XXIX, p. 141, below.

359. Item presentant quod Robertus Webster traens moram cum Willelmo Webster de Stowe beate Marie die Sabbati proximo ante festum purificationis beate Marie anno xlix apud Grengham in regia via obuiauit Willelmo Hyne de Herpeswell' et ipsum Willelmum ibidem de quatuor marcis et ij s. argenti et de vna duodena de kendale russet precij viij s. felonice depredauit.

R. W., who was spending his time with W. W., met W. H. in the king's highway and robbed him of four marks and two shillings in silver, and a dozen of russet kendal cloth worth 8s. See no. 361, below.

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Marg: CORYNGHAM

360. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Robertus de Ardern persona ecclesie de Thoresway et Iohannes Smyth de Thoresway die Dominica proxima post festum Assencionis domini anno xlix in via regia apud Glaunfordbrigge obuiauuerunt Iohanni de Wylughton' et in ipsum Iohannem de Wylughton' vi et armis insultum fecerunt et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt contra pacem etc.¹

¹ See nos. 339, 350, and 357, above.

Marg: ASLAKHOWE

361. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Willelmus Westefeld de Fillyngham Ricardus Sibbesson' de Helmeswell' Ricardus Porter de Fillyngham Iohannes de Norton' de Snyterby Hugo de Normanbi de eadem Iohannes de Fresthorpe de Ounby Iohannes Douyland de Blyburgh' Thomas de Iuerthorpe de Glentworth Iohannes Hannay de Harpeswell' Iohannes Spenser de Wylughton' Willelmus Remay de Normanby et Iohannes Brunne de Saxby presentant quod Robertus Webster seruiens Roberti Webster de Stowe beate Marie die Sabbati proximo ante festum purificationis beate Marie anno xlix apud Grayngham cum alijs tribus ignotis depredauit Willelmum Hyne de Herpeswell' draper de quatuor marcis auri et duobus solidis argenti et xij alnis [sic] panni de russeto precij viij s. et felonice asportauit.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ See no. 359, above.

362. Item presentant quod Matillis que fuit vxor Willelmi de Cantilupo chiualer Ricardus Gyse Robertus Coke Augustinus Morpath et Agatha ancilla predictae Matillis que fuit vxor Willelmi de Cantilupo die Veneris proximo ante medium quadragesime anno xlix apud Scotton' felonice interfecerunt dominum Willelmum de Cantilupo dominum suum.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia. Cantilupo. Principales.)

¹ See nos. 344, 358, above, 369, 377, 418, 452, below, and App. XXIX, p. 141, below.

Marg: WELLEWAPPENTACUM

363. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes Claypole Iohannes de Coryngham Robertus filius Gilberti Thomas filius Hugonis Thomas de Dytton' Willelmus de Lyncoln' Iohannes Columbe Iohannes de Estgate Robertus filius Iohannis Rogerus de Croxton' Iohannes Hurt Willelmus de Mortayne presentant quod Thomas Cosyn de Barnethy die Iouis proximo ante festum Pentecostes anno xlix felonice furatus fuit vnum equum Willelmi de Spaldeforth apud Neuton' super Trente precij xvj s. (*Marg:* Felonia. Cosyn.)

364. Item presentant quod Robertus Bonde¹ de Normanby et Agneta vxor eius die Veneris proximo post festum Natalis domini anno xlviij apud Normanby iuxta Stowe beate Marie felonice

interfecerunt Henricum Chapman et bona et catalla ipsius Henrici ad valenciam xl s. et quinque marcas argenti in denariis numeratis ibidem inuenta felonice furati fuerunt et asportauerunt. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

365. Item presentant quod Iohannes Loksmyth nuper comorans in ballio Lincoln' die Lune proximo post festum sancte Margarete virginis anno xlviii apud Lincoln' vnum equum Gilberti de Beseby precij j marce felonice furatus fuit et abduxit.¹ (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ See also no. 366. below, and App. XXI, p. 135, below.

366. Et quod Iohannes (ponit¹) Smyth' de Glentham tunc constabularius parochie sancti Pauli in ballio Lincoln' attachiauit dictum Willelmum [sic] Loksmyth pro felonia predicta videlicet die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Laurencii anno supradicto in ballio predicto qui quidem Iohannes Smyth constabularius prefatum Iohannem Loksmyth die et anno predictis euadere permisit et cepit de eodem Iohanne Loksmyth xl s. pro euasione predicta.¹ (*Marg: Iohannes Smyth. Euasio.*)

J. S., at that time constable of the parish of St Paul in the bail of Lincoln, arrested W. L. for the above felony in the bail and then allowed him to escape, and took 40s. from him for the said escape.

¹ See also no. 365, above, and App. XXI, p. 135, below.

367. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Westeby de Grayngham die Lune proximo post festum sancti Andree apostoli anno xlviii apud Lincoln' procurauit et elongauit Rogerum de Westeby de Blyburgh' seruientem Roberti de Keleby masou a seruiicio ipsius Roberti contra formam ordinacionis de seruientibus editi [sic].

J. de W. enticed and withdrew R. de W., the servant of R. de K., away from the service of the said R. against the statute.

368. Item presentant quod homines villatarum de Stowe beate Marie Stretton' Normanby Herdewyk' Brampten' et Fenton' non venerunt coram Roberto de Wylughby et socijs suis custodibus pacis apud Gaynesburgh' die Veneris in festo sancte Margarete virginis anno xlix ad informandum xij iuratores pro domino rege super certis articulis dominum regem mere tangencibus per quod negocia domini regis ad diem predictum ceperunt dilacionem.

The men of the township of Stow St Mary, Sturton [by Stow], Normanby [by Stow], Hardwick, Brampton, and Fenton failed to come before the keepers of the peace to give information to the twelve jurors on the king's behalf as to certain articles entirely touching the king, whereby the king's business was delayed.

Marg: MANLE

369. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes Gardyner Robertus Beltoft' Oliuerus atte Halle Nicholaus Tebbe Ricardus Cadan Iohannes de Graue Willelmus Tranneby Iohannes Blaktoft' Iohannes Hauys Robertus Hamelyn Willelmus atte

Lidyate et Robertus Swanne presentant quod Augustinus Morpath die Veneris proximo post festum annunciaionis beate Marie anno xlix apud Scotton' felonice interfecit dominum Willelmum de Cantilupo militem. Et quod Ricardus Gyse Robertus Cook de Scotton' Iohannes Tayllour de Barneby Willelmus Hole et Agatha seruientes dicti domini Willelmi fuerunt consencientes et abbettantes ad mortem predictam.¹ (*Marg.*: Felonia. Cantelupe. Acces-sorii.)

¹ See also nos. 344, 358, 362, above, 377, 418, 452, below, and App. XXIX, p. 141, below.

370. Item presentant quod Robertus filius Beatricis de Belton' barkere emit corea in diuersis villis mercatorijs in partibus de Lindeseye cruda et non tannata videlicet anno xlvij et ea vendidit tannata apud Gaynesburgh' et alibi et cepit lucrum excessiium ad summam viginti solidorum anno supradicto

R., son of B. de B., tanner, bought untanned hides in various market towns in the parts of Lindsey and sold them tanned at Gainsborough and elsewhere, and made an excess profit amounting to 20s.

371. Item presentant quod Willelmus atte Halle de Belton' et Iohannes Lange de Belton' falcatores recusant falcare per acram iuxta formam ordinacionis inde edite set per diem capiendo per diem iij d. et prandium et sic ceperunt anno xlvij de excessu apud Belton' et alibi in patria ibidem quilibet eorum ad summam x s. in domini regis contemptum et contra formam ordinacionis predictae.

W. H. and J. L., mowers, would not mow by the acre, according to the ordinance, but only by the day, taking 4d. a day and dinner, and thus in the 48th year they had excess wages at Burton and the neighbourhood amounting to 10s. each.

372. Item presentant quod villate de Haxay Heppeworth et Witton' non venerunt coram iusticiariis ad presentandum pro domino rege simul cum alijs iuratoribus apud Gaynesburgh' anno xlix ad diem sibi prefixum per quod negocia domini regis ceperunt dilacionem.

The townships of Haxey, Epworth, and Whitton failed to come with the other jurors before the justices to make presentments on the king's behalf on the day appointed, whereby, etc.

373. Item presentant quod Alicia Masoun de Iboldestowe braciauit ceruisiam et vendidit contra assisam anno xlix et cepit lucrum excessiium in vendicione ad summam ijs. et amplius videlicet vendidit lagenam ceruisie apud Hiboldestowe pro jd. ob. et aliquid pro ij d. vbi proclamacio facta fuit coram iusticiariis ad vendendum pro jd. pro eo quod brasium ad leue precium vendebatur anno supradicto.

A. M. brewed ale and sold it against the assize and made excess profits by the sale amounting to 2s. and more; namely, she sold a gallon of ale at Hibaldstow for 1½d. and otherwise for 2d., though a proclamation had been made by the justices of the peace to sell for 1d. because malt was being sold for a low price that year.

374. Item presentant quod Thomas Broune de Holffet' Robertus de Haldenby de eadem et Thomas Clerk' de Pery mercatores piscium vsi sunt ire apud Trente et Ouse et vbi magister Iohannes de Borynham et alij piscatores venire solebant cum piscibus suis apud Holffet et alibi ad vendendum pisces suos ad emendacionem patrie predicti Thomas Broune Robertus de Haldeneby et Thomas Clerk' dictos pisces forstallauerunt ita quod ad villas mercatorias venire non potuerunt et sic emerunt in grosso de prefato Iohanne de Borynham et alijs apud Holffet' et alibi in patria annis xlvij et xlvij quatuor viginti salmone precii viginti librarum et eos vendiderunt ad retalliam annis supradictis in diuersis villis mercatorijs patrie et ceperunt lucrum excessiuum quilibet eorum ad summam xx s. et ultra. (*Marg:* Forstallatores.)

T. B., R. H., and T. C., fishmongers, used to go to the Trent and Ouse, and whereas master J. de B. and other fishermen were accustomed to come with their fish to Holfleet and elsewhere to sell their fish for the good of the neighbourhood, the said T. B. etc. forestalled the said fish so that it did not reach the market towns; and in this way they bought wholesale from the said J. de B. and others at Holffet and elsewhere 80 salmon worth £20, and sold them by retail in various market towns of the neighbourhood and made excess profits amounting to 20s. each and more.

375. Item presentant quod Willelmus Fouler de Manby mercator diuersorum volatiliu vendidit diuersa volatilia apud Lincoln' et alibi in patria ad summam ducentorum volatiliu et amplius videlicet anno xlvij et cepit lucrum excessiuum in vendicione sua per tempus predictum ad summam xx s. et amplius contra statutum domini regis inde editum.

W. T., a poultry merchant, sold poultry of different kinds amounting to 200 and more, at Lincoln and elsewhere in the neighbourhood, and took excess profits by the sale amounting to 20s. and more.

376. Item presentant quod Ricardus Pacok de Eppeworth' et Iohannes Olyuer de eadem die Iouis proximo ante festum in Ramisplumarum anno xlix apud Eppeworth' Rogerum Wynter de Eppeworth' iuniorem verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et mahemiauerunt contra pacem domini regis.

377. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes Neuil de Faldyngworth Thomas Faukener de Dounam Willelmus Belle de Snartford Ricardus Aubern' de Sutbrok Robertus Skayle de Faldyngworth Willelmus Hannay de Resham Nicholaus de Rysum Iohannes Cachehare de Karlton' Iohannes de Wyttington' de Bratelby Walterus Fremas de Bratelby Simon Mathew de Asthorpe et Lambertus Acelyn de Nettleham presentant quod Augustinus de Morpath Iohannes de Barnby Chamberlayn Willelmus Chamberlayn Ricardus Gyse Robertus Cook Iohannes Henxteman et Agatha nuper seruiens Ricardi de Bingham chiualer seruiens domini Willelmi de Cantilupo chiualer die Veneris proximo ante festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno xlix apud Scotton' predictum Willelmum de Cantilupo dominum suum sediciose in camera sua noctanter interfecerunt. Et quod Matillis vxor predicti Willelmi

die et anno predictis fuit consenciens et abbettans ad mortem predictam.¹ (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ See also nos. 344, 358, 362, 369, above, 418, 452, below, and App. XXIX, p. 141, below.

378. Item presentant quod Iohannes filius Willelmi Cissesson' de Teuelby die Lune proximo post festum sancti Petri Aduincula anno xlvij vnum iumentum Hugonis Wrighte de Boselyngthorpe precij ij marcarum ibidem felonice furatus fuit.¹

¹ See App. XXII, p. 136, below.

[*m. II.*]

PRESENTACIONES ET INDICTAMENTA CORAM ROBERTO DE WYLUGHBY ET SOCIIS SUIS IUSTICIARIIS DOMINI REGIS IN PARTIBUS DE LYNDESEY ANNO REGNI REGIS EDWARDI TERCIJ POST CONQUESTUM QUADRAGESIMO NONO.

Marg: LOUTHESK

379. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Ricardus Trewe de Alyngham Iohannes de Thorpe de Alyngton' Willelmus de Scadworth' de Karlton' Willelmus de Rugthorpe de Luda Simon Adrian de eadem Iohannes de Wytham de eadem Ricardus Wadstare de eadem Thomas Hawlay de Somercotes Willelmus Scotte de Saltflethauen' Iohannes de Lynbergh' de eadem Ricardus de Misyn de eadem Ricardus de Caylsthorpe et Ricardus Smyth' de Raytheby presentant quod Simon Braunceton' de Wytheryn die Lune proximo post festum sancti Edwardi regis anno xlix apud Ludam felonice interfecit Agnetem vxorem Iohannis Clerici de Luda.¹ (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ See App. XXIII, p. 136, below.

380. Item presentant quod Willelmus de Pikwell' nuper seruiens Ricardi de Malteby die Lune proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie anno xlix a seruicio dicti Ricardi ante finem termini inter eos concordati et sine causa rationabili recessit vbi commorasset cum dicto Ricardo apud Malteby in officio carucarii a festo sancti Michelis anno xlvij vsque ad idem festum anno reuoluto per vnum annum integrum contra statutum.

W. de P., formerly the servant of R. de M., departed from the service of the said R. before the end of the term and without due cause, whereas he should have stayed with him as ploughman for a whole year from Michaelmas.

381. Item presentant quod Thomas Wrighte de Socrington' carpentarius cepit de priore de Alyngham quolibet die in septimana proxima post festum sancte Lucie virginis apud Socrington' iij d. per diem et prandium contra statutum etc.

382. Item presentant quod Iohannes filius Roberti de Ludford fecit conuencionem cum Elena Heryngerid de Somercotes ad commorandum cum eadem Elena in officio carucarii a festo sancti Martini anno xlvij vsque ad idem festum anno reuoluto capiendo

pro salario suo secundum formam statuti et non voluit tenere conuencionem inter eos factam set recessit pro maiore salario capiendo videlicet v d. in septimana et prandium contra statutum.

J., son of R. de L., made a contract with E. H. to stay with her as ploughman from St Martin's day in the 48th year until the same day a year later, receiving wages according to the statute, and he would not keep the contract made between them, but left to get higher wages, namely 5d. a week and dinner, against the statute.

Marg: LUDBURGH

383. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Willelmus Galay de Warholm' Iohannes Cook de eadem Iohannes Clerk de Cownam Iohannes Palmere de eadem Iohannes Donnay de Foterby Ricardus South' de Cownam Robertus Forman Nicholaus de Malteby Radulfus Smyth' de Vtterby Gilbertus Smyth' de Foterby Willelmus Rayner de eadem et Iohannes de Barton' de eadem presentant quod Willelmus de Byston¹ de Wyoone [sic] die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Michelis Archangeli anno xlvij felonice interfecit Iohannem filium Andree de Wyome apud Foterby. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

384. Item presentant quod Iohannes Tascar de Northormesby felonice interfecit Iohannem de Kelum de eadem villa die Lune proximo post festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno xlvij apud Ormesby.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ See also no. 281, above, and App. XV, p. 127, below.

385. Item presentant quod Iohannes Waller¹ de Northormesby furtiue furatus fuit vnum equum de Iohanna Skynnere de Ludburgh' precij x s. die Lune proximo post festum sancti Michelis Archangeli anno xlvij apud Ludburgh'. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

386. Item presentant quod Iohannes Benet de Wragholm' venit vi et armis die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Martini anno xlvij apud Wragholm' et Iohannem filium suum a serueicio Iohannis Cook de eadem villa cepit et abduxit contra pacem etc. et in contemptu domini regis. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

Marg: CORYNGHAM

387. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Nicholaus atte Halle de Coryngham Iohannes Clakk de eadem Robertus de Stoketh Iohannes Bird de Wallpeth' Willelmus filius Iohannis de Stiresgarth' Willelmus atte Bekk' de Sprynghorpe Willelmus filius Henrici de Parua Coryngham Willelmus Helewys de Blyton' Thomas de Sandale de eadem Iohannes de Celeby de Somerby Willelmus Hardy de Laghton' et Willelmus Douninthetoun presentant quod Willelmus Drake¹ de Helmeswell' furtiue cepit xl s. argenti in pecunia numerata apud Kirketon' de Willelmo filio Rogeri de Kirketon' in festo sancti Iohannis Ewangeliste anno xlvij et felonice asportauit.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

388. Item presentant quod Hugo Drake¹ de Helmeswell' furtiue cepit apud Kirketon' tres bussellos frumenti precij xvijij d. de predicto Willelmo filio Rogeri de Kirketon' et felonice asportavit in festo sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno xlviij.

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

389. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Grene de Magna Coryngham fecit rescussum Willelmo de Thorckesay constabulario de Coryngham et est rebellis contra predictum constabularium in faciendo officium et tractavit cultellum in festo decolacionis [sic] sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlviij contra pacem etc.

J. de G. resisted the constable of Corringham and disobeyed the constable in the performance of his duty and drew his knife.

390. Item presentant quod Rogerus de Markham de Coringham intrauit domum Rogeri Gamill de eadem et ipsum verberavit vulneravit et male tractavit die Sabbati proximo ante festum sancti Thome apostoli anno xlviij contra pacem etc.

391. Item presentant quod die Sabbati proximo post festum sancti Hillarii anno xlviij Robertus persona ecclesie de Hasethorpe et Robertus Walker de Glenteworth' noctanter fregerunt domum Iohannis de Aseby apud Coryngham et in ipsum Iohannem ibidem insultum fecerunt et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt etc. contra pacem etc.

Marg: [ASLAKEHO]WE

392. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Ricardus Sibleson' de Helmeswell' Robertus Wendoure de Herpeswell' Iohannes de Norton' de Snyterby Hugo de Normanby de eadem Willelmus Marchall' de Helmeswell' Ricardus de Barthenay de eadem Nicholaus Coke de Normanby Iohannes de Brum [?] de Saxeby Willelmus Sothyby de eadem Iohannes Toures de Herpeswell' Thomas de Euerthorpe de Glentworth' Iohannes de Fresthorpe de Ouerby et Iohannes Daulyne de Helmeswell' presentant quod Iohannes Sharpe de Spridlyngton' die Martis in vigilia sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno xlviij apud Spridlyngton' furtiue furatus fuit vnum equum precij xiiij s. iij d. de Iohanne Iohanne [sic] de Nettelham de Spridlington' et abduxit.¹

¹See also nos. 311, above, 393, below, and App. XVI, p. 128, below.

393. Item presentant quod Mabilla vxor Iohannis Sharpe de Spridlyngton' die Sabbati in festo sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlviij furtiue furata fuit vnum bolle de arbore apud Lincoln' de Iohanne Bollare de Lincoln' precij viij d. et abduxit.¹

¹See nos. 311, 392, above, and App. XVI, p. 128, below.

394. Item presentant quod Thomas Taskere seruiens Walteri Bernard canonici de Newhous apud Glentworth die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlviij insultum fecit Petro filio Radulfi de Glentworth et ipsum verberavit vulneravit et male tractavit contra pacem etc. et quod Walterus Bernard predictus fuit de consilio et assensu transgressionis predictae etc.

395. Item iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Ricardus Olyer de Morton vendit oleum apud Gaynesburgh et alibi annis xlvij et xlix et vendit diuersis hominibus patrie ad summam viginti lagenarum quelibet [sic] lagena pro xx d. vbi vendunt alibi in patria pro xvij d. Et eciam Robertus Olyer de Morton vendidit oleum anno supradicto in forma predicta et ijdem Ricardus Olyer et Robertus Olyer ceperunt lucrum excessiuum videlicet in qualibet lagena ij d. vltra commune precium in patria contra statutum.

Ric. O. sold oil amounting to 20 gallons at Gainsborough and elsewhere in the 48th and 49th years to diuers men of the district at 20*d.* a gallon, whereas they sell oil elsewhere in the district for 18*d.* And Rob. O. also sold oil in this way at this time, and the two had an excess profit amounting to 2*d.* a gallon above the usual price of the district.

396. Item dicunt quod Ricardus Barkere de Gaynesburgh [et] Iohannes Barkere de eadem emerunt diuersa coria cruda apud Gaynesburgh et alibi in diuersis locis mercatorijs patrie annis xlvj et xlvij et ea vendiderunt tannata diuersis hominibus patrie anno xlvij et ceperunt lucrum excessiuum contra formam statuti inde editi.

397. Item quod Ricardus Seyniames mercator salis emit apud Gaynesburgh anno xlvij et xlix et vendidit ad excessiuum lucrum capiendum apud Gaynesburgh et alibi in patria anno supradicto et lucratus est semper in xij d. ij d. contra statutum etc.

R. S., a salt merchant, bought at Gainsborough in the 48th and 49th years and sold there and elsewhere so as to get an excess profit and he always made a profit of 2*d.* in the shilling against the statute.

398. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Elias Fraunceys Ricardus de Haghham Simon Adrian de Luda Iohannes de Wykham de eadem Ricardus Wadstare Willelmus de Shadworth de Magna Carleton Willelmus filius Iohannis de Manby Iohannes de Fenne de Carleton Iohannes Walsse de eadem Willelmus de Muslay de Germethorpe Ricardus Smyth de Malteby et Robertus de Fishewyk de Saltfletby presentant quod Ricardus Clerk de Wythihale die Lune proximo ante festum Pentecostes anno xlix felonice furatus fuit vnum equum precij v marcarum Elie Fraunceys de Wythyhale apud Wythyhale. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

399. Item dicunt quod Nicholaus de Tetford¹ de Raytheby die Lune proximo post festum sancti Gregorij pape anno xlix apud Halyngton felonice furatus fuit vnum vomerem precij xij d. de Iohanne de Thorpe et vnum cultrum precij viij d. de Roberto West de Maidewell in Maydewell. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

400. Item presentant quod Willelmus de Manneton¹ de Kedyngton die Sabbati in festo translacionis sancti Thome martiris anno xlix apud Kedyngton felonice interfecit Willelmum Cook de Kedyngton.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

401. Item dicunt quod Willelmus de Swaton de Luda die Iouis in festo Corporis Christi anno xlix apud Ludam felonice interfecit Simonem Turnour de Luda.

402. Item dicunt quod Nicholaus Mane de Luda die Sabbati proximo post festum sancti Augustini anno xlix vi et armis insultum fecit Margarete vxori Ade Milnere de eadem [et eam] verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc. et est communis perturbator pacis domini regis.

403. Item dicunt quod Adam de Hendesley de Luda die Sabbati proximo post [festum] apostolorum Philippi et Iacobi anno apud Ludam insultum fecit in Alanum Pulter fratrem abbatis de Pareo Lude et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

[*m. 11d.*]

404. Item presentant quod vbi Ricardus Baward de Carlton' [est] communis laborarius et vagans circumquaque ossiosus quidam Willelmus de Shadwode in secunda septimana quadragesime anno xlix apud Carlton' optulit eidem Ricardo seruicium ad commorandum cum Iohanne de Percy chiualer in officio pro statu suo congruo capiendō mercedes et salarium iuxta formam ordinacionis de seruientibus edite qui quidem Ricardus hoc facere omnino recusauit in regis contemptum etc.

Though R. B. is a common labourer and wanders about idly, and a certain W. de S. offered work to the said R., namely to dwell with J. de P. in a position suitable to his station, receiving wages according to the ordinance of labourers, yet R. refused altogether to do this.

Marg: HORNCASTRE

405. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Ricardus Brighte de Ouere Tyngton' cepit pro artificio suo faciendo anno xlvij videlicet de Thoma Sturmy de Tyngton' et alijs in eadem villa quolibet die iij d. et mensam et dictus Ricardus semper est rebellis et non vult iusticiari per constabularios eiusdem ville set semper est resistens contra eosdem constabularios et non vult seruire nisi ad voluntatem suam propriam in regis contemptum etc.

R. B. received 4d. a day and board for working at his craft from T. S. and others, and always disobeys the constables of the town and resists them and will not labour except at his own will.

Marg: GAYRETRE

406. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Nicholaus de Bamburgh' Walterus Wace de eadem Thomas Wrangel de Hemyngby Iohannes Barne de eadem Thomas Bakar de Seryuelby Robertus Champerde de Golkesby Iohannes Walker de Scamelsby Robertus West de Randeby Rogerus filius Iohannis de Stratton' Thomas de Poynton' de Conyngesby Robertus de Warwyk' de eadem et Willelmus filius Galfridi de Calkewell' presentant quod Iohannes

(ponit¹) Bakere de Okham die Martis in quarta septimana quadragesima anno xlix septem vela vetera et vnum touale precij xx d. extra ecclesiam de Thornton iuxta Horneastre furtiue cepit et asportauit.¹ (*Marg: Felonia.*)

J. B. stole seven old [chalice?] veils and a towel worth 20*d.* out of the church of Thornton [by Horneastle] in the fourth week of Lent in the 49th year.

¹See App. XXIV, p. 137, below.

407. Item dicunt quod Iohannes¹ filius Iohannis Milnere de Donnston die Iouis in vigilia apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno xlix vnum equum Radulfi Baxstere de Wykyngby apud Wykyngby precij xx s. felonice cepit et abduxit. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

408. Item presentant quod Willelmus Walton' de Stykeswold Iohannes filius Mabile de eadem [et] Alexander Porter de eadem falcatores semper sunt rebelles et nolunt iusticiari per constabularios de Stykeswold et nolunt seruire nisi ad voluntatem suam et nisi capiant salarium excessiuum et hoc quolibet die viij d. et prandium et sic ceperunt tempore falcacionis feni et bladorum anno xlix videlicet de Willelmo Norman et alijs in contemptum domini regis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

W. W., J., son of M., and A. P., mowers, are always disobedient and will not submit to the constables of Stixwold and will not work except at their own will and for excess wages, namely 8*d.* a day and dinner; and this they received from W. N. and others at the hay and corn harvests in the 49th year.

409. Item presentant quod Willelmus Maware de Stykeswold braciator vendit ceruisiam apud Stykeswold anno xlix contra assisam videlicet lagenam ceruisie pro ij d.

Marg: HULL'

410. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Iohannes filius Dauid seruiens persone ecclesie de Hagworthyngham et Iohannes filius Ade Brenn de eadem per Walterum Ryngot et Henricum filium Iohannis de Enderby constabularios eiusdem ville sepius requisiti ad seruiendum in eadem villa de Hagworthyngham iuxta formam ordinacionis de seruientibus edite idem Iohannes filius Dauid in predicta villa descriuire aut laborare recusauit set aliunde in patriam exiens pro maiori salario capiendo deseruiuit in regis contemptum etc. videlicet anno xlix.

J., son of D., servant of the parson of Hagworthyngham, and J., son of A. B., were frequently called on by the constables to work at H. according to the ordinance, but J., son of D., refused to take service or to work in the town, but departed into the country and took service elsewhere for higher wages.

411. Item dicunt quod Thomas filius Willelmi Vynter de Nethertyngton in seruicio Thome West apud Fulnetby nuper retentus ad commorandum a festo sancti Martini anno xlvij per vnum annum integrum tunc proxime sequentem ab eodem seruicio

ante finem termini predicti sine causa rationabili et licencia ipsius Thome West recessit in regis contemptum etc.

Marg: WRAGHOWE

412. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas Wase de Wylyngham Iohannes Biddes de Haynton' Iohannes atte Graunge de Houton' Iohannes Morteyn de Keuermond Petrus Malteby de Fulnetby . . . [*illegible*] Malteby de Langton' Iohannes Curteys de Legesby Robertus Picke de Lissyngton' Thomas de Brynkele de Houton' Bartholomeus Clerk' de Sixille Iohannes atte Bek' de Bekeryng' Iohannes filius Alani de Langwath' presentant quod Iohannes Glouere de Bardenay die Iouis proximo post festum apostolorum Philippi et Iacobi anno xlix felonice furatus fuit vnam peluem eneam precij iij d. de Rogero Wrighte de Wrauby et vnum lauatorium eneam Reginaldi Curtays de Wrangel.¹ (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ See App. XXV, p. 138, below.

413. Item presentant quod Walterus Brid thakkere cepit de Alicia Haulay de Langton' per diem iij d. et cibum et sic cepit de alijs in eadem villa de Langton' anno xlix apud Langton' contra formam ordinacionis de seruientibus edite.

414. Item presentant quod Agneta vxor Roberti Cartere de Staynton' et Iohanna vxor Rogeri Wr[i]ghte de Welyngham nolunt seruire in predictis villis tempore autumpni et estatis sed rediunt in patriam ibidem laborando pro maiori salario capiendi in regis contemptum et omnium vicinorum suorum dampnum et contra formam ordinacionis de seruientibus edite videlicet annis xlvij et xlix.

A., wife of R. C., of Stainton, and J., wife of R. W., of [South] Willingham, will not work in those towns in autumn and summer but return to the countryside to work there for higher wages, in contempt etc. and to the damage of all their neighbours.

Marg: CANDLESHOUE

415. Item presentant quod Radulfus atte Car . . . laborarius in villa de Friseby recessit ab eadem villa die Lune proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie anno xlvij ad triturandum in villa de Thorpe et cepit quolibet die de Iohanne . . . de Thorpe ij d. et cibum contra formam ordinacionis etc.

Marg: CALSWATH

416. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant [quod] Ricardus de Repham de Lincoln' Hugo de Kirmyngton' de eadem Iohannes de Ieuclay de eadem Robertus de Fulbek de eadem Simon Ieuclaunce de eadem Robertus Baxtere de eadem senior Henricus de Middelton' de eadem Robertus Tailour de Estgate de eadem . . . [*illegible*] Case de eadem Thomas Harworthe de eadem Iohannes Bayous de eadem Iohannes Repham de eadem Laurencius de Parys de

eadem Iohannes de Bardenay de eadem S[imon] de Canewyk' de eadem Rogerus de Brandon' de eadem Robertus Chapman de eadem Henricus de Bikyngham de eadem Willelmus de Stratton' de eadem listere Thomas Stapelton' de eadem et Martinus de Walpol de eadem die Iouis proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc quadagesimo nono vi et armis scilicet gladiis arcibus sagittis et alijs armaturis potentia armata in Philippum Gernoun de Sancto Botulpho Hugonem de Medeford de eadem Iohannem Coke de Sancto Botulpho et alios probos homines [?] eiusdem ville apud Lincoln' insultum fecerunt verberauerunt et male tractauerunt ad maximum terrorem populi et contra pacem domini regis.

R. de R. and many others, with swords, bows, arrows, and other armour, attacked P. G. H. M., J. C., and other good men of Boston at Lincoln, beat them etc. to the great fear of the people.

417. Item presentant quod Nicholaus Cartere de Beseby die Dominica proxima ante festum sancte Margarete anno xlix in Iohannam filiam Willelmi de Beseby insultum fecit et ipsam verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit ita quod de vita eius disperabatur. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

418. Item iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Hugo Tours Willelmus de Legebourn' Iohannes de Cracroft' Iohannes Moigne Thomas Seriaunt Iohannes Benet Walterus Heryng Thomas West' Willelmus Walteresson' Willelmus Bek' Iohannes Grayne et Robertus de Roldesby presentant quod Augustinus Morpath die Veneris proximo post festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno xlix felonice interfecit Willelmum de Cantilupo chiualer apud Scotton'. Et quod Matillis vxor eiusdem Willelmi fuit presens ymaginans consentiens et auxilians ad mortem predictam.¹ (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ See also nos. 344, 358, 362, 369, 377 above, 452, and App. XXIX, p. 141, below.

419. Item presentant quod Walterus persona ecclesie de Partenay die Iouis proximo ante festum assumptionis beate [Marie] anno xlvij apud Partenay in Henricum Skynnere de Partenay insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit et blada sua ibidem crescencia ad valenciam xl solidorum cepit et asportauit contra voluntatem ipsius Henrici.

420. Et quod idem Walterus die et anno predictis clausum Thome Witt apud Partenay fregit et aueria sua ad valenciam decem marcarum ibidem inuenta cepit et abduxit et ea iniuste detinet. Et dicunt quod idem Walterus est communis malefactor et noctiuagus et pacis domini regis perturbator.

421. Item presentant quod Ricardus . . . de Vlceby communis laborarius se non vult iusticiari per constabularios ville de Vlceby set semper est rebellis contra eosdem et rediit in patriam

extra villam tempore estatis anno xlviij pro maiori salario capiendo in contemptum domini regis et contra formam ordinacionis.

422. Item presentant quod Nicholaus Carter de Beseby die Lune proximo post festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno xlix in Willelmum de Beseby apud Beseby noctanter insultum fecit verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit et quendam clamidem ipsius Willelmi precij iiii s. ibidem inuentum cepit et asportauit. Et quod idem Nicholaus est communis noctiuagus et pacis regis perturbator.

[*m. 12*]

Adhuc de presentacionibus et indictamentis coram Roberto de Wylughby de anno xlix.

Marg: LAURIZ

423. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Iohannes Thorne de Barlymouth circa festum sancti Petri Aduineula anno xlviij apud Barlymouth' Noctonefen Metheringham et alibi in diuersis locis patrie ibidem forstallauit turbas videlicet lincturf' [que] in patriam venerunt in auxilio communitatis et si[c] emit in grosso ad summam valoris centum librarum annis regni regis nunc xlvij et xlviij et ea [sic] vendidit videlicet in diuersis locis patrie et cepit lucrum excessiuum in vendicione predicta ad summam decem librarum et amplius.

J. T. at various places in the countryside forstalled turf, namely 'linc-turf', which was coming to the district to supply the community, buying it wholesale to the value of £100 and selling it at different places in the neighbourhood, and by this sale he made excess profits amounting to £10 and more.

Marg: MANLE

424. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes Garner Robertus de Beltoft' Iohannes Bernard Hugo de Malton' Oliuerus atte Halle Ricardus filius Willelmi Iohannes BresetyMBER Iohannes Blaktoft' Robertus Daukus Iacobus de Terington' Willelmus de Tranby et Iohannes Wasselynman presentant quod Simon atte Kirke¹ de Wynterton' et Iohannes Yelle¹ de eadem die Sabbati proximo ante festum Omnium Sanctorum anno xlviij equum Willelmi Slayer de Wynterton' apud Wynterton' precij viginti solidorum felonice cepit et abduxit. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

Marg: ASLAKHOWE

425. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Willelmus de Hertelpol capellanus die Sabbati proximo post festum sancti Thome apostoli anno xlix domum Willelmi Smyth' de Filingham noctanter intrauit et Willelmum Heryel et Iohannem de Crosseby seruientes ipsius Willelmi ibidem verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem domini regis.

426. Item presentant quod Walterus Bernard canonicus de Newhous die Lune proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno xlviij

cepit dimidium quarterium ordeï precij ij s. de Iohanne Broklesby apud Glenteworth et de Alano Bolour de Glenteworth dimidium quarterium frumenti precij iij s. die anno et loco predictis per extorcionem et contra pacem domini regis. (*Marg:* Bernard.)

W. B., a canon of Newhouse, took half a quarter of barley worth 2s. from J. B., and half a quarter of wheat worth 4s. from A. B. by extortion.

Marg: LAURIZ

427. Iuratores presentant quod Robertus de Muskam capellanus de Lincoln' et Iohannes de Hawardby masoun emerunt et forstallauerunt apud Lincoln' Wraghby et alibi in patria videlicet circa festum sancti Martini anno xlvij quadraginta quarteria frumenti precij x librarum et quadraginta quarteria fabarum precium quarterij vij s. et dicta blada vendiderunt diuersis hominibus patrie in comitatu Lyncoln' et ceperunt lucrum excessiuum quilibet eorum ad summam xl s. contra formam statuti inde editi.

R. de M., a chaplain, and J. de H., a mason, bought and forestalled 40 quarters of wheat worth £10 and 40 quarters of beans worth 7s. a quarter at Lincoln, Wragby and elsewhere, and sold them to diverse men of the district; and each of them had excess profits amounting to 40s.

Marg: WELLEWAPPENTACUM

428. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas de Asthorpe Iohannes de Claypole Petrus Bekke de Neuton' Thomas filius Hugonis de Ketelthorpe Rogerus de Croxton' de Vpton' Galfridus Smyth de eadem Robertus de Spritlyngton' Robertus de Croxton' Thomas de Braunceby de Stretton' Simon Pays de Stowe Simon de Thorpe de Stretton' et Iohannes de Estgate de Stowe presentant quod Matillis¹ vxor Willelmi Wyne de Stowe beate Marie die Lune proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno xlvij apud Stowe beate Marie felonice furata fuit tres bussel [sic] braci precij ij s. iij d. de Iohannes [sic] Smyth de Stowe apud Stowe. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

Marg: CANDLESHOW

429. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes Braytoft' Iohannes de Gunby Thomas Tours Willelmus Leuerik' Iohannes de Kelsay Willelmus atte Hall Robertus de Copthorpe Iohannes de Stykford Iohannes atte Brigge Robertus de Gerdig Ricardus Danby et Iohannes de Alford presentant quod Iohannes Steuencesson' de Nouo Castro capellanus die Lune proximo post festum sancti Andree apostoli anno xlvij apud Partenay et alibi in partibus de Lyndesay quadraginta quarteria frumenti precij cuiuslibet quarterij dimidie marce et quadraginta quarteria fabarum precij cuiuslibet iij s. [forstallauit] et ea adduxit ad Nouum Castrum. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

J. S., a chaplain, [forestalled?] 40 quarters of wheat worth half a mark a quarter and 40 quarters of beans worth 4s. a quarter at Partenay and elsewhere in Lindsey, and took them to Newcastle.

430. Et Walterus Wattesson' de Waynflet anno supradicto similiter forstallauit apud Waynflet viginti quarteria frumenti et quadraginta quarteria fabarum precij vt predictum est.

And W. W. similarly forestalled 20 quarters of wheat and 40 quarters of beans, at the same price, at Wainfleet.

431. Et Thomas Godefrey de Waynflet' apud Thorpe iuxta Waynflet' anno supradicto similiter forstallauit viginti quarteria frumenti et decem quarteria fabarum precij vt predictum est.

432. Et Adam de Caleeby anno supradicto in partibus de Lyndesay similiter forstallauit decem quarteria fabarum precij vt predictum est.

433. Et Thomas Cutte de Faldyngworth anno supradicto apud Hogesthorpe in partibus de Lyndesay xl quarteria fabarum precij vt predictum est forstallauit.

434. Et similiter Robertus Maunslot de Waynflet' anno supradicto apud Orby in partibus predictis forstallauit viginti quarteria frumenti et triginta quarteria fabarum precij vt predictum est.¹ Et dicta blada abduxerunt extra comitatum Lyncoln' videlicet apud Nouum Castrum Hertepol et Scarburgh per quorum forstallacionem et abductionem blada vbique in patria magis cariora deuenerunt ad maximum dampnum tocius communitatis comitatus predicti. (*Marg:* Forstallatores bladorum.)

R. M. forestalled 20 quarters of wheat and 30 quarters of beans, at the same price, in Lindsey, and took them out of Lincolnshire to Newcastle, Hartlepool, and Scarborough; and as a result of their forestalling and removal, corn became much dearer throughout the district, to the great loss of the people of Lincolnshire.

¹ See also no. 438, below, and App. XXVI, p. 138, below.

435. Item presentant quod predictus Walterus Wattesson' anno supradicto forstallauit apud Fryseby in partibus de Lindesay forstallauit [sic] quadraginta quarteria fabarum precium quarterij iij s. vj d. et ea penes se detinuit ad ducendum in partibus de Nouo Castro ad maximam oppressionem populi comitatus Lyncoln'.

The said W. W. forestalled 40 quarters of beans worth 4s. 6d. a quarter at Firsby and kept them at his house in order to take them to Newcastle, to the great oppression of the people of Lincolnshire.

436. Item presentant quod Iohanna filia Iohannis Halburtoft in seruicio Iohannis de Gunby apud Gunby nuper retenta ad commorand[um] a festo sancti Martini anno xlvij per vnum annum integrum tunc proxime sequentem ab eodem seruicio ante finem termini predicti sine causa racionabili et licencia ipsius Iohannis de Gunby recessit in regis contemptum etc.

Marg: CALSWATH

437. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes de Cracroft' Willelmus de Toutheby Gilbertus del Hauene Iohannes filius Radulfi de Trusthorpe Iohannes de Manby Robertus de Roldesby Willelmus atte Bek' de Thetelthorpe Robertus Darry

de Wythornwyk' Thomas Baxtere de Slotheby Iohannes filius Radulfi de Aleby Iohannes Grayne de Thetelthorpe et Iohannes Palle de Alford presentant quod Henricus Smyth de Kirkeby iuxta Reuesby die Mercurii proximo ante festum sancti Petri aduincula anno xlvj [domum Radulfi] apud Wythernwyk' intrauit et quadraginta bidentes ipsius Radulfi precij iij librarum et vnum materas duo linthamina et vnum coopertorium pro lecto precij viginti solidorum abinde felonice furatus fuit cepit et abduxit. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

438. Item presentant quod Robertus Mauncelot¹ de Waynflet Iohannes de Haugh' de Agethorpe et Iohannes Frushiuer de Malberthorpe anno xlviii emerunt et forstallauerunt apud Waynflet Alford Wythernwyk' Malteby Agthorpe et alibi in partibus de Lyndesay blada in tassis videlicet frumentum fabas et pisas et dicta blada vendiderunt ad retalliam anno supradicto et quadragesimo nono in partibus predictis per quorum

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forstallacionem blada in partibus illis magis cariora deueniunt videlicet in quolibet quarterio frumenti xl d. et in quolibet quarterio fabarum et pisarum ij s. viij d. et ceperunt lucrum excessiuum in vendicione bladum predictorum quilibet eorum ad summam x librarum ad maximam oppressionem populi et contra formam statuti inde editi. (*Marg: Forstallatores.*)

R. M. and others in the 48th year bought and forestalled at Wainfleet and elsewhere in Lindsey corn in the ricks, namely wheat, beans, and peas, and sold it at retail in the same district, and as a result of their forestalling corn became much dearer in those parts, namely 40d. a quarter of wheat and 2s. 8d. a quarter of beans and peas, and they made excess profits by the sale of this corn amounting to £10 each, to the great oppression of the people.

¹ See no. 434, above.

Marg: LOUTHESK

439. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Ricardus de Grimescroft Elias Fraunceys Willelmus Rybald de Luda Ricardus de Haghham de eadem Iohannes de Foulestowe Simon Adrian de Luda Ricardus Wadstere de eadem Willelmus de Shadworth de Carlton Iohannes de Dauthorpe de Cokeryngton' Willelmus Meselay de Germethorpe Rogerus de Akres de Elkyngton' et Iohannes Walshe¹ de Carlton presentant quod Iohannes filius Thome atte Brigge de Conyngesholm die Venens proximo ante festum Ramispalmarum anno xlix felonice furatus fuit vnum equum precij dimidie marce de Willelmo atte Hull' de Northsomercotes apud Somercotes Fen. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

440. Item presentant quod Willelmus Thede de Luda Iohannes de Gouceby de eadem Willelmus de Westfelde de eadem Iohannes de Boselyngthorpe de eadem Iohannes filius Radulfi de eadem seruiens Iohannis de Park Robertus Hornere de eadem Rogerus

Frowe de eadem Walterus Loksmyth de eadem Iohannes Loesmyth de eadem iunior Iohannes Doker de eadem Willelmus Frere Neue de eadem et Iohannes Cardemakere de eadem die Martis proximo post festum sancti Gregorij pape anno xlix domum Ricardi Messanger apud Ludam vi et armis noctanter intrauerunt et in Thomam de Maring' ibidem insultum fecerunt et obsederunt et in eadem detinuerunt et tantas minas eidem Thome ibidem imposuerunt quod idem Thomas metu mortis sue et [pro] pace habenda finem per centum solidos cum predictis malefactoribus ibidem fecit quos quidem denarios quidam Iohannes de Parke manucepit ad saluandum contra pacem domini regis et [in] terrorem populi. (*Marg: Thede. Transgressio.*)

W. T. and others entered the house of R. M. at Louth by night, and there assaulted T. de M., and besieged him, and so threatened him that in fear of death and in order to have peace he paid the said evildoers a fine of 100s., and a certain J. de P. gave surety to keep the said money safe.

441. Et similiter presentant quod predictus Willelmus (finem fecit¹) de Thede die Lune in festo sancti Iacobi apostoli anno xlvj^{to} in Thomam Carleton' de Couentre apud Ludam vi et armis insultum fecit verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit. (*Marg: Thede.*)

442. Et dicunt quod predictus Willelmus de Thede manutenit et adhuc manutenet malefactores predictos et eis optulit centum marcas ad transgressiones predictas manutenendas contra pacem domini regis.

443. Item presentant quod Willelmus Scot' de Saltflethauen, forstallauit anno regni regis nunc xlvij apud Saltfletby Magna Carlton' Parua Carlton' et alibi in partibus de Lyndeseye viginti quarteria frumenti per diuersas vices Ricardus¹ (finem fecit¹) de Mysyn de Saltflethauen' viginti quarteria frumenti, Iohannes de Lymbergh' de Saltflethauen' xl quarteria frumenti, Hugo Ters de eadem xl quarteria frumenti, Robertus de Hotoft' c quarteria frumenti, Willelmus de Thoresby de eadem v quarteria frumenti, Willelmus de Waltham de Tetenay xl quarteria frumenti, Alexander Scot' de Saltflethauen' lx quarteria frumenti, Ricardus de Dyke de eadem xl quarteria frumenti, Iohannes Peteuyn de eadem sexaginta quarteria frumenti, Iohannes de Saxeby de eadem lx quarteria frumenti, Iohannes de Parich' de eadem x quarteria frumenti, Gilbertus of the Hande de Swaby x quarteria frumenti, Willelmus Skynnere de Malberthorpe lx quarteria frumenti, Iohannes de South Grift de eadem xl quarteria frumenti, Walterus Cheles de eadem xx quarteria frumenti, Hugo Gest' de Germethorpe xl quarteria frumenti, Adam Smyth de Melberthorpe c quarteria frumenti, Willelmus Waryner de eadem lx quarteria frumenti similiter per diuersas vices apud Saltfletby et alijs villis predictis forstallauerunt a secundo die mensis Nouembris anno xlvij vsque sextum diem mensis Maij tunc proxime sequentis per quorum

forstallacionem huiusmodi blada magis cariora quam solebant iam deuenerunt ad maximam oppressionem populi partium illarum ac contra formam statuti inde prouisi. (*Marg*: Forstallatores bladorum.)

W. S. and others forestalled wheat at different towns in the parts of Lindsey between November and May in the 48th year, whereby corn became much dearer than usual, to the great oppression of the people of those parts etc.

¹ The scribe has put a mark somewhat like a large bracket before this and the next name.

444. Item presentant quod Iohannes Trype de Nouo Castro et Iohannes Whiteued emerunt et forstallauerunt apud Saltfletby et Somercotes in partibus de Lyndesay mense Aprilis anno xlix e quarteria frumenti precii quarterii x s. et e quarteria fabarum precii quarterii vj s. viij d. et blada illa usque ad Saltflehauen' adduxerunt et naues ibidem cum bladis predictis caricauerunt ad partes Scotie ducend[is].

J. T. and J. W. at Saltfleetby and Somercotes bought and forestalled 100 quarters of wheat worth 10s. a quarter and 100 quarters of beans worth 6s. 8d. a quarter and took this wheat to Saltfleet Haven, and there loaded ships with it in order to take it to Scotland.

445. Et quod Willelmus Wilke de Fobbynge et Adam Smyth de Malberthorpe e quarteria frumenti et Thomas de Humberstan e et xx quarteria frumenti apud Saltfletby mense Aprilis anno xlix forstallauerunt et dicta blada apud Marbelthorpe in nauibus posuerunt ad partes Scotie ducenda in releuacionem inimicorum [*illegible*] ibidem et populi regis Anglie depauperacionem et contra formam statuti inde editi.

W. W. and A. S. forestalled 100 quarters of wheat, and T. de H. 120 quarters, at Saltfleetby, and put it into ships at Mablethorpe, in order to take it to Scotland, for the relief of the enemies there, in impoverishment of the people of the king of England.

446. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Hichington' de Saltfletby Willelmus Pormorde de [*illegible*] Robertus Skeg' de eadem Henricus Mawere de Cokeryngton' Iohannes de Burden de Luda Willelmus de Buceby de eadem Willelmus de Louth de Cokeryngton' Iohannes de Magna Carlton' Walterus Crake de Garmethorpe Willelmus Baxtere de eadem Willelmus Arthurgh de Brakenbergh' Willelmus Foulere de Sibsay et Robertus de de Luda falcatores ceperunt in anno xlviij apud Cokeryngton' Saltfletby Somercotes videlicet de abbate de Parco Lude priore de Aluyngham priore de Ormesby in partibus de Lyndesay pro falcacione cuiuslibet acre prati per virgam sexdecim pedium mensurate ad summam duorum mille acrarum videlicet pro acra viij d. vbi solebant capere pro acra nisi v d. et sic quilibet eorum cepit de excessu tempore predicto xx s. contra formam statuti de seruientibus editi.

J. de H. and others, mowers, received 8d. an acre for mowing 2,000 acres of meadow, measured by a rod of sixteen feet, whereas they were accustomed to receive only 5d. an acre, and thus each of them received 20s. in excess wages at that time.

447. Item presentant quod vbi in patria in partibus de Lyndesay liberationes famulorum esse solebant videlicet medietatem [sic] de frumento et medietatem de pisis et pro stipendio vnus famuli per annum viij s. quidam Robertus seruiens Iohannis de Asgardby carucarius cepit pro liberacione sua frumentum j marcam pro stipendio suo videlicet de prefato Iohanne de Asgardby annis regni regis nunc xlvij et xlvij.

Whereas in the country in Lindsey the allowance of servants used to be half wheat and half peas, and 8s. a year for the wages of one servant, a certain R., servant of J. de A., a ploughman, received wheat [entirely ?] for his allowance and one mark for his wages from the said J. de A.

448. Et similiter Alanus seruiens persone de Conyngesby cepit anno regni regis nunc xlvij de persona de Conyngesby apud Conyngesby liberacionem et stipendium in forma predicta et vnam tunicam cum capicio precij xx s. contra formam ordinacionis et aliter noluit deservire.

And similarly A., servant of the parson of Coningsby, received his allowance and wages as above, and also a tunic with a cap, worth 20s.

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Adhuc de presentacionibus coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis de anno xlix.

Marg: LOUTHESK

449. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Iohannes de Clee de Halyngton' triturator cepit de Ricardus de Grimescroft' et alijs apud Tathewell' et alibi in partibus illis annis quadragesimo octavo et quadragesimo nono quolibet die pro trituracione ij d. et prandium suum et omnino recusavit triturare per quarterium prout ante ordinacionem fieri consuevit et sic idem Iohannes de Clee cepit de excessu anno predicto ad summam x s. contra formam ordinacionis etc.

J. de C., a thresher, received for threshing 2d. a day and his dinner from R. T. and others at Tathwell and elsewhere in the 48th and 49th years; and he refuses altogether to thresh by the quarter, as was the custom before the ordinance; and thus he received excess wages amounting to 10s. that year.

450. Item presentant quod Agnes vxor Willelmi Sadelere de Luda est communis forstallator piscium tam salsarum quam recentarum [sic] apud Ludam et alibi videlicet annis xlvij et xlix videlicet obuiando pisces antequam ad forum venire potuerunt et sic emit per forstallariam et vendidit ad retailiam et cepit lucrum excessiuum ad summam x s. contra formam statuti inde editi.

A., wife of W. S., a common forestaller of both salt and fresh fish, at Louth and elsewhere, by intercepting the fish before it could reach the market, thus bought by forestalling and sold at retail and made excess profits amounting to 10s.

451. Item presentant quod Ricardus Masoun de Somerby die Iouis in festo sancti Gregorij pape anno xlix in Iohannem de Lanketon' apud Somerby vi et armis insultum fecit et ipsum verberavit vulneravit et male tractavit contra pacem etc.

Marg: HULL'

452. Juratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes de Northorpe de Causthorpe Philippus de Stanesby Walterus Ryngot' de Hagworthingham Henricus atte Well' de eadem Hugo de Askeby Simon de Parua Gretham Gilbertus Clerk' de Ousgom Iohannes Warde de Katelesby Simon atte Stanes de Aswardby Robertus Prikest de Ousgom Willelmus Myncayre de Ormesby et Hugo de Thimelby de Fulleby presentant quod Ricardus Gyse armiger Willelmi de Cantilupo chivaler cum alijs die Veneris proximo post festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno xlix felonice interfecit predictum Willelmum de Cantilupo chivaler. Et quod Matillis que fuit vxor predicti Willelmi et Robertus de Cietham senescallus terrarum predicti Willelmi fuerunt consencientes ad mortem predictam.¹ (*Marg: Cantilupo. Felonia. Accessorii.*)

¹ See also nos. 344, 358, 362, 369, 377, 418, above, and App. XXIX, p. 141, below.

453. Item presentant quod Thomas Bayous de Fulnetby Robertus filius Iohannis Hannay de eadem et Robertus de Kyme de eadem annis regni regis nunc quadragesimo octauo et quadragesimo nono emerunt quadraginta quarteria frumenti et fabarum apud Aluorth Spellesby et Burwell et ea penes se detinent per quod huiusmodi blada magis cariorea deuenerunt in oppreccionem populi parcium illarum.

T. B., R. son of J. H., and R. de K. bought 40 quarters of wheat and beans at Alford, Spilsby, and Burwell in the 48th and 49th years and kept them, so that corn became much dearer etc.

454. Et quod Matillis filia Iohannis de Kyme per constabularium ville de Fulnetby assignata ad commorandum et deseruiendum in villa predicta capiendos mercedes et salaria iuxta formam ordinationis de seruientibus edite dicta Matillis a villa predicta recessit extra villam commorans pro maiore salario recipiendo contra formam ordinationis predictae etc.

455. Et quod Iohannes Calle de Aluorth die proximo post festum sancti Gregorij pape anno xlix apud Aluorth in Iohannem Palle constabularium eiusdem ville insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem etc.

Marg: HORNCASTRE

456. Juratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes Starmy de Marum Iohannes filius Radulfi de Maryng' Iohannes Bessc de eadem Iohannes Hardegray de Wilkesby Iohannes Clerk' de Morby Iohannes filius Iohannis de Nether Tynton' Henricus filius Roberti de eadem Robertus de Cad-nay Willelmus Scrayfeld Iohannes filius Walteri de Themelby Thomas de Golsby de Askeby et Hugo Coke de Themelby presentant quod Thomas Mariot' de Wodenderby et Robertus seruiens Iohannis de Lincoln' furtiue furati fuerant quatuor quarteria ordeij precij xvj s. de Iohanne de Lincoln' in

Wodenderby die Lune proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie anno xlix. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

Marg: YORDEBURGH'

457. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Iohannes de Kent Iohannes de Lekeburn' Iohannes Baldewyn Robertus atte Hill' Hugo atte Halle Iohannes Pykeryng' Thomas filius Alani Willelmus de Stalingburgh' Ricardus de Loughton' Ricardus de Cotes Iohannes Neuton' et Thomas Hiedon' presentant quod Galfridus Braban de Magna Lymbergh' webster felonice interfecit Reginaldum Webster apud Lymbergh' Magna die Dominica proxima post festum decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xlvij.¹ (*Marg:* Braban.)

¹ See App. XXVII. p. 139, below.

458. Item presentant quod Iohannes Vnderwode¹ de Barow in vigilia Ramispalmarum anno xlix furtive furatus fuit quatuor bidentes precij viij s. de Willelmo Cartere de Barow apud Barow. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

459. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Herewyk' de Vleeby carpentarius cepit de Iohanne de Bolton' de Wotton' et Roberto de Vleeby et alijs apud Vleeby anno xlix quolibet die iiij d. et prandium suum contra formam ordinacionis inde edite.

J. de H., a carpenter, received 4d. a day and his dinner from R. de U. and others in the 49th year.

460. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Kempe et Iohanna vxor eius de Northkelesey braciauerunt ceruisiam et vendiderunt per discos et ollas et non per mensuras sigillatas videlicet apud Northkelesey anno xlix contra statutum etc.

J. K. and his wife brewed ale and sold it in jars and pots and not in sealed measures.

Marg: ASWARDESHOWE

461. Iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Willelmus Cadenay de Fenby Ricardus de Yordeburgh' Iohannes de Galey de Foulstowe Iohannes filius Willelmi de Neuton' Rogerus de Candlesby de Waltham Radulfus Champard de Hawardby Thomas Est de Hatclyf' Iohannes Doucesson' de Belesby Iohannes Cromme de eadem Robertus Bokenale de Rauendale Iohannes Smyth de eadem et Ingelramus filius Henrici de Askeby presentant quod Thomas Dewy¹ nuper manens in Ole die Dominica in passione domini anno xlix apud Waltham felonice interfecit Robertum Dewy nuper seruientem rectoris ecclesie de Waltham.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

Marg: WALESCROFT

462. Iuratores wappentaci predicti presentant quod Iohannes Webster de Estrason' et Iohannes Sherman de eadem die Dominica

proxima ante festum in Ramispalmarum anno xlix vi et armis Willelmo Bayous de Theby apud Estrason' insultum fecit [sic] et ipsum verberavit [et] vulneravit contra pacem etc.

Marg: LINCOLN'

463. Iuratores ciuitatis predicte videlicet Ricardus de Farburn de Lyncoln' Iohannes de Epston' de eadem Iohannes de Askam de eadem Thomas de Somerby de eadem Adam Tylere de eadem Gilbertus Kyme de eadem Iohannes de Derby de eadem Iohannes Dymmok de eadem Willelmus de Fulnetby de eadem Henricus de Thorpe de eadem Iohannes de Plymouthe de eadem et Iohannes de Harwode de eadem presentant quod Iohannes de Coupelond¹ seruicus Roberti de Whitby de Lyncoln' die Dominica ante festum Pasehe anno xlix apud Lyncoln' viginti et sex marcas argenti de predicto Roberto de Whiteby felonice furatus fuit et asportauit.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

464. Item presentant quod vbi Ricardus de Weston' de Lincoln' capellanus die Dominica in festo annunciacionis beate Marie anno xlix apud Lincoln' per quendam Robertum
 ministrum et
 subballiuum balliuorum ciuitatis Lincoln' attachiatus fuit
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idem Ricardus fecit eidem Roberto subballiuo rescussum die et anno predictis et super hoc venit Iohannes Bate vnus balliuorum ciuitatis predicte et ipsum Ricardum pro rescussu subballiuo suo facto contra pacem attachiare voluisset idem Ricardus ibidem se iusticiari non permisit et in ipsum balliuum die et anno predictis insultum fecit verberavit et male tractavit contra pacem domini regis. (*Marg:* Northr' Magna Inquisicio.)

When R. de W., a chaplain, had been arrested by the sub-bailiff of Lincoln city he resisted the sub-bailiff, whereupon came J. B., one of the bailiffs of the city, and would have arrested R. for his resistance, but R. refused to submit and assaulted the bailiff etc.

465. Iuratores videlicet Thomas de Clee Robertus de Kedale de Horkestowe Alanus de Hatclyf' Robertus Neuland de Humberstan Iohannes Barde de Kelesay Willelmus Daynell' de Thornton' Robertus filius Stephani de Rason' Iohannes Herwy de Bernalby Iohannes Coke de Couenham Thomas Palmere de eadem Iohannes de Ouersby de Barton' et Willelmus atte Well' de Killyngholm presentant quod Iohannes de Waltham¹ canonicus abbatis de Wellowe die Mercurii proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie anno xlix felonice interfecit Willelmaum de Legbourn' de Barton' apud Grymesby. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1375.

466. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Stannes de Middelrason in seruicio Iohannis filii Stephani de eadem apud Middelrason nuper retentus ad commorand[um] a festo sancti Martini anno xlix per vnum annum integrum tunc proxime sequentem ab eodem seruicio ante finem termini predicti sine causa racionabili et licencia ipsius Iohannis filii Stephani recessit in regis contemptum ac contra formam ordinacionis etc.

Marg: SOUTHR' MAGNA INQUISICIO

467. Iuratores presentant quod cum Iohannes de Pert' et socij sui collectores decime et quintedecime domini regis in partibus de Lyndesay vltimo concessarum venerunt apud Hotoft' die Dominica proxima] ante festum apostolorum Philippi et Iacobi anno xlix ad taxandum homines villate de Hotoft' virtute breuis domini regis eis inde directi ibidem venerunt Robertus Morfot de Hotoft' et Robertus de Sutton de eadem et omnino recusauerunt iurare ad taxandum vicinos suos nec soluere porciones suas per vicinos suos taxatas ad quintamdecimam predictam nec prefatis collectoribus in aliquo obedire in domini regis contemptum et solucionis quintedecime ville predictae retardacionem et ipsorum collectorum dampnum [non] modicum et grauamen contra pacem domini regis etc.

When J. de P. and his fellows, collectors in Lindsey of the tenth and fifteenth last granted to the king, came to Huttoft to assess the men of the town by virtue of the king's writ, R. M. and R. de S. came there, and refused altogether either to take the oath to assess their neighbours or to pay their own share of the said fifteenth, as assessed by their neighbours, or to obey the said collectors in anything; in contempt of the king, causing a delay in the payment of the fifteenth of that town and heavy loss to the said collectors.

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Marg: BRADELAY

468. Inquisicio capta apud Grymesby die Iouis proximo post festum exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno regni regis Edwardi tercii a conquestum Anglie quadragesimo nono coram Iohanne Dymmok et socijs suis iusticiarijs ad pacem in partibus de Lyndesay in comitatu Lincoln' conseruandam assignatis per sacramentum Roberti de Thirmesco Willelmi Nicolues' de Magna Cotes Willelmi de Toynton' de Laysceby Roberti West de eadem Iohannis atte Chapell' de eadem Ricardi Brand de Welesby Roberti de Fenneby de Bradley Willelmi de Thirmesco Petri filii Roberti de Parua Cotes Willelmi Curtays de Thirmesco Iohannis Fitill' de Itterby et Iohannis Ketill' de Humberstayn qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Robertus de Neuland de Humberstayn et Willelmus West de eadem die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis sancte Marie anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xlix^o vt supra vi et armis videlicet cum gladijs et baculis in Robertum de Akewraa common-acum abbatis de Humberstayn insultum fecerunt apud Humberstayn et ipsum vulnerauerunt verberauerunt et male tractauerunt

in desperationem vite sue et alia enormia ei intulerunt iniuste et contra pacem.¹

R. de N. and W. W. with swords and sticks assaulted R. de A., a fellow-monk of the abbot of Humberston, beat him etc. in despair of his life, and did him other enormities.

¹ See also nos. 40, 249, 252, above, 400, 470, 471, 472, below, and App. V, p. 111, below.

469. Item dicunt quod vbi dictus Robertus de Akewraa commonacus dicti abbatis eodem die Lune predicto noctanter fuit in periculo mortis propter vulneracionem et verberacionem predictas Robertus de Thirmesco et Thomas Moigne capitales constabularij wappentaci de Bradley et Iohannes Ketill' et Robertus de Belesby constabularij de Humberstayne venerunt pro rege ad Willelmum Mouriz de Humberstayn Alanum atte Grene de eadem Iohannem Copli de eadem Thoman de Wyhom de eadem Iohannem Ricard de eadem Robertum Sewett de eadem et Iohannem Hert de eadem et eos onerauerunt ex parte domini regis vt predictos constabularios adiuuarent ad capiendum predictos Robertum de Neuland et Willelmum West' si predictus Robertus commonacus mortuus fuisset. Predicti tamen Willelmus Mouriz Alanus Iohannes Thomas Iohannes Robertus et Iohannes in contemptum domini regis cum predictis constabularijs ire ad inforciandum eos penitus recusarunt.

As the said R. de A. lay at night in danger of death by reason of the said wounding and beating, the chief constables of Bradley wappentake and the constables of Humberston came in the king's name to W. M. and others, and charged them on the king's behalf to help the said constables to take the said R. de N. and W. W., if the said monk should die. But the said W. M. etc., in contempt of the king, refused absolutely to go with the said constables to lend them support.

470. Item dicunt quod Willelmus West de Humberstayne die Iouis proximo post festum Pentecostes anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxxix^o felonice quendam equum de Petro de Cotom' de Scarthowe in Scarthowe furatus fuit et illum equum abduxit contra pacem domini regis precij predicti equi xxs.¹

¹ See App. XXVIII, p. 141, below.

471. Item dicunt quod predictus Robertus de Neuland (ponit se³) die Lune proximo post festum sancti Petri Apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xlvj^{to} sex bidentes abbatis et Conuentus de Wellowe precij xij s. de dicto abbate felonice furatus fuit in Humberstayn et illos bidentes furtiue detinuit et contra pacem. In cuius rei testimonium huic presentationi predicti iurati sigilla sua apposuerunt.¹

The said R. de N. in the 46th year stole and kept six sheep belonging to the abbot and convent of Wellow.

¹ See App. V, p. 111, below.

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Marg: HOUWARDSTOWE¹

472. Inquisicio capta apud Grimsby coram Iohanne Dymmok et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis de pace in partibus de Lindesey

[conseruanda] die Iouis proximo post festum exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno regni regis Edwardi tereii post conquestum Anglie [xlx] per sacramentum Roberti de Cokwald Willelmi de Wathe Iohannes Heruy de Bernoldby Willelmi de
 Roberti Buknale de Rauyndale Rogeri de Candilsby de Waltham Ingram de Askby Roberti atte
 Iohannis Salay de Foulstowe Willelmi Musterloue de Wathe Iohannis Bene de Brigsle et de eadem qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie virginis anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum Anglie xl nono Robertus de Neuland de Humberstan et Willelmus West de eadem apud Humberstan vi et armis insidiati fuerunt Roberto Akwraa commonaco abbatis de Humberstan et ibidem ipsum Robertum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt male tractauerunt et alia enormia ei intulerunt contra pacem domini regis ita quod de vita sua disperabatur. Et predicti Robertus et Willelmus sunt communes perturbatores et malefactores pacis.²

¹ This 'bill' is much wrinkled, torn round the edges and in places quite illegible.

² See also nos. 40, 249, 252, 468, 469, 470, 471, above, and App. V, p. 111, below.

APPENDIX TO ROLL LL

I

(i) *Trial before justices of Gaol Delivery of Ralph Sulle, on indictment before the sheriff. Lincoln castle, July 28th, 1374 (J.I. 3, 162, m. 10). The justices of Gaol Delivery were William de Wychyngham and Thomas de Ingleby.*

Marg: LINCOLN

Radulfus Doull [sic] de Belton' captus pro eo quod ipse felonice interfecit Iohannem Morehous de Belton' apud Belton' die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo quinto [names of other prisoners follow] vnde coram vicecomite indictati sunt veniunt per vicecomitem ducti et per iusticiarios singillatim allocuti qualiter se velint de feloniis predictis sibi impositis acquietare dicunt singillatim quod ipsi in nullo sunt inde culpabiles et de hoc de bono et malo ponunt se super patriam. Ideo fiat inde iurata. Iuratores ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicti [other names] et Radulfus in nullo sunt inde culpabiles de feloniis predictis sibi impositis nec vnquam se retraxerunt occasionibus predictis Ideo consideratum est quod predicti [other names] et Radulfus Doull eant inde quieti.

(ii) *Trial in the King's Bench of Ralph Sulle, on indictment before justices of the peace for the same offence (p. 1, no. 3, above); Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 30 d.).*

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis ad diuersas felonias et transgressiones in partibus de [blank space] audiendas et terminandas assignatis extitit presentatum quod Radulfus Sulle de Belton' felonice interfecit Iohannem Morhews de eadem apud Belton' die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo quinto quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet predictum Radulfum etc. Et modo scilicet die Veneris proximo ante festum sancti Martini isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Radulfus et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus

venit et allocutus est qualiter de felonis predictis se velit acquietare qui dicit quod ipse alias virtute indictamenti predicti per vicecomitem comitatus predicti captus et gaole castri Lincoln' mancipatus et postea coram Willelmo de Wychyngham et Thoma de Ingelby iusticiariis domini regis ad gaolam castri predicti deliberandam assignatis apud Lincoln' die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Iacobi apostoli anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono allocutus et per iuratam patrie in quam inde de bono et malo se posuit de eadem morte extitit acquietatus et inde vocat recordum rotulorum eorundem iusticiariorum de tempore predicto. Ideo mandatum est eisdem iusticiariis quod scrutatis rotulis suis de tempore predicto id quod de acquietancia prefati Radulfi Sulle inuenire contigerit in eisdem sub sigillis suis distincte et aperte mittant coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbiicumque etc. vt vltcrius etc. Et super hoc veniunt Robertus de Haldanby Rogerus Dulle de Epworth' Simon de Beltoft et Robertus Betonson' et manucapiunt pro predicto Radulfo Sulle habendi corpus eius coram domino rege ad prefatum terminum etc. (*Marg*: Manucaptors.)

Sulle did not put in another appearance in the King's Bench. A writ of capias was issued against him in Hilary term, 1376 (K.B. 27/460, Rex m. 17); in the following term he was put in exigend (K.B. 27/461, Rex m. 19); in Easter term, 1377 (K.B. 27/465, Rex m. 7), his mainperuors were put in exigend for their failure to produce him.

II

Trial in the King's Bench of Thomas Boure, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 3. no. 8. above): Michaelmas, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/463, Rex m. 7 d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis comitatus predicti in partibus de Lyndesey extitit presentatum quod Thomas Boure seruiens prioris de Bolyngton' in Ingham die Sabati proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo septimo apud Ingham furtive furatus fuit vnum cultrum caruce de Iohanne Drury precij decem denariorum. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia causis de causis coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatum Thomam si etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis sancti Michelis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Thomas per breue de exigendo et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui

committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de feloniam predicta se velit acquietare dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbi cumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et super hoc veniunt Henricus Champencys Iohannes de Welton' Iohannes de Feriby et Stephanus del Fall' et manucapiunt pro predicto Thoma habendi corpus eius coram domino rege ad prefatum terminum etc. Et sic de die in diem quousque etc. (*Marg: Manuaptores.*)

Boure did not put in another appearance. Henry Champencys, one of his mainperners, was summoned by capias in Easter, 1377 (K.B. 27/463, Rex m. 8), and was put in exigent for failure to produce him, in the Hilary and Easter terms of the following year (K.B. 27/468, Rex m. 14; K.B. 27/469, Rex m. 2).

III

Indictment and trial in the King's Bench of towns responsible for the escape of Alan, son of the vicar of Humberston (p. 4, no. 10, above): Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 25).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wapentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentauerunt quod Alanus filius Iohannis vicarii ecclesie de Humberston' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini anno regni regis predicti quadragesimo septimo domos predicti Iohannis vicarii ecclesie de Humberston' apud Humberston' felonice fregit et ibidem unum par de bedes et tres anulos argenti et vnum firmaculum precii ij s. vj d. et alia bona et catalla videlicet pannos lineos et laneos et lectos et alia bona ad valenciam xxvij s. et vj d. felonice furatus fuit.¹ Et quod Iohannes de Burton' et Willelmus West constabularii villate de Humberston' statim post feloniam predictam factam prosecuti fuerunt dictum Alanum usque Wath' et ibidem ipsum ceperunt et ipsum duxerunt cum manuopere predicto usque Humberston' et ibidem ipsum in ceppis posuerunt et postea ipsum duxerunt usque Gretham et ipsum liberauerunt Wilhelmo Gascelyn senescallo domini principis² qui quidem Willelmus Gascelyn liberauit prefatum Alanum prefate villate (cognouit³) de Humberston' cum vna litera sigillo sui signata ad ipsum duendum vsque castrum Lincoln' qui quidem Alanus die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Andree tunc proxime sequens a custodia dicte villate euasit usque ad ecclesiam de Gretham pro defectu villate predictae quiquidem Alanus die Veneris tunc proxime sequente a dicta ecclesia euasit pro defectu custodie villate de Gretham. (*Marg: Cognouit. Humberston'. Gretham.*)

Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod venire faceret predictas villatas ad respondendum etc. Et modo scilicet die Veneris proximo ante festum sancti Martini isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' veniunt homines predictarum villatarum per attornatos suos et quesitum est ab eis separatim si quid pro se habeant vel dicere sciant quare domino regi de euasionibus predictis separatim respondere non debeant. Et predicti homines villate de Humberston' dicunt quod non possunt dedicere quin predictus Alanus filius Iohannis vicarii ecclesie de Humberstane a custodia sua euasit prout superius presentatum est. Ideo eadem villata de Humberston' de euasione prefati Alani sic a custodia sua euasi de centum solidis erga dominum regem oneretur. Et homines predictae villate de Gretham dicunt quod predictus Alanus pro latrocinio predicto captus fuit apud Humberston' per constabularios eiusdem villate et per Iohannem Gilberd seruientem eiusdem vicarii inde appellatos et apud Gretham coram Willelmo Wacelyn [sic] senescallo domini principis² ibidem ductus erat et ibidem coram prefato senescallo ad sectam prefati Iohannis Gilberd inde allocutus et quia predictus Alanus super curiam ibidem inde se ponere recusauit predictus senescallus liberauit predictum Alanum prefatis constabulariis de Humberston' ad castrum Lincoln' ducendum et dictus Alanus in custodia dictorum constabulariorum noctanter euasit et eadem nocte antequam villata predicta de Gretham noticiam de euasione predicta habere poterat totaliter extra villam predictam recessit et petunt iudicium si de huiusmodi nocturna euasione de qua noticiam habere non potuerunt erga dominum regem onerari non debeant.

Et Thomas de Shardelowe qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod dictus Alanus a dicta ecclesia de Gretham euasit ob defectum custodie eiusdem villate prout superius presentatum est et hoc pro domino rege offert verificare etc.

No further record of the case occurs.

¹ The *coram Rege* indictment differs from that in the peace roll as regards certain details, but the offence seems to be the same.

² The duke of Lancaster.

IV

Trial in the King's Bench of the Abbot of Kirkstead, on indictments before justices of the peace (p. 9, no. 31, above) and King's Bench; Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 22d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentant quod quedam ripa ex oriente de Wythum esse debet et solet a Conyngesby Lante vsque le Merekne et quod abbas de Kirkestede et predecessores sui tempore quo non extat memoria solebant et tenentur

reparare et emendare defendere et sustentare quociens opus fuerit ita quod non submergeat le Fennes Ducis Lancastrie set quod predicta ripa fracta est ob defectum Willelmi abbatis de Kirkestede qui nunc est et predecessorum suorum per diuersas trancheas ad graue dampnum Ducis Lancastrie et communitatis Bolyngbroksok et wappentaci de Skirbek.

Ac etiam coram custodibus pacis comitatus predicti in partibus de Lyndesey extitit presentatum quod abbas et conuentus de Kirkestede obstupauerunt quandam venellam apud Horneastre vocatam Bamaylane ita quod cursus aque ibidem obstupatur ad graue dampnum ville et patrie. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod venire faceret predictum abbatem ad respondendum etc. Et modo scilicet die Veneris proximo post crastinum Animarum isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus abbas per Willelmum de Stathern attornatum suum et quesitum est ab eo si quid pro se habeat vel dicere sciat quare ripam predictam reparare et venellam predictam ad eustus suos proprios deobstupare non debeat quiquidem abbas quo ad ripam predictam dicit quod ipse tenetur reparare dictam ripam a le Merekne vsque ad Swethbyeh' quequidam ripa sufficienter ibidem reparata est absque hoc quod idem abbas tenetur reparare predictam ripam de Wythum a Conyngesbylante vsque le Merekne prout superius super ipsum presentatum est. Et hoc paratus est verificare per patriam etc. (*Marg:* Kirkested' publice calumpniatus coram iusticiariis pacis.)

Et Thomas de Shardelowe qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod predictus abbas tenetur reparare et emendare defendere et sustentare predictam ripam de Wythum a Conyngesbylante vsque le Merekne prout superius super ipsum presentatum est et hoc pro domino rege offert verificare etc. Et quo ad

The record breaks off here; later references to the abbot on the coram Rege rolls have no connection with his indictment before the Lindsey justices.

V

(i) *Trial in the King's Bench of Robert Neuland, on indictments before justices of the peace* (p. 21, no. 40; p. 59, no. 249; p. 60, no. 252; p. 104, no. 468; p. 105, no. 471; p. 105, no. 472, above) and *King's Bench: Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln* (K.B. 27. 459, Rex m. 47).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentant quod Robertus de Neuland de Humberstane die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum Anglie quadragesimo quinto vi et armis videlicet

gladiis etc. in Iohannem filium Gonilde de Humberstane apud Humberstane insultum fecit et ipsum verberavit vulneravit et male tractavit contra pacem etc.¹

Item presentant quod vbi Willelmus Bryane de Barton die Iouis proximo ante festum sancti Iacobi anno regni regis predicti quadragésimo octavo felonice interfecit Robertum Whyne de Barton apud Barton² et quod Robertus Neuland de Humberstayne recepit predictum Willelmu[m] Bryane apud Humberstayne per tres dies tunc proxime sequentes sciente de feloniam predictam.

Ac etiam coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndesey extitit presentatum quod Robertus Neuland et alii die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Petri apostoli anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragésimo septimo in Iohannem filium Henrici Ermer et Matillem uxorem eius apud Humberstan noctanter insultum fecerunt et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt contra pacem etc.

Item presentant quod Robertus Neuland de Humberstan die Mercurii proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragésimo quinto cum aliis ignotis malefactoribus et pacis regis perturbatoribus vi armata ad modum guerre in Iohannem Hermer iuniorem apud Humberstan insultum fecerunt et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt et idem Robertus Neuland cum malefactoribus predictis sic armati in eadem villa circumquaque et extra in partibus illis per tres dies equitauerunt Iohannem Hermer seniore[m] querendo ad interficiendum in lesione corone et dignitatis regie et contra pacem etc.

Item presentant quod Robertus Neuland de Humberstan die Martis in festo sancti Iacobi apostoli anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragésimo octavo venit vi et armis et contra pacem domini regis cum gladio extracto apud Belesby et ibidem in Iohannem Hermer de Humberstan insultum fecit et ipsum fugavit vsque abathiam de Wenlowe et tales minas eidem Iohanni Hermer imposuit quod ipse abinde vsque ad domum suam propriam per longum tempus ire non ausus fuit contra pacem etc.

Item presentant quod Robertus Neuland de Humberstan et alii die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie virginis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragésimo nono apud Humberstan vi et armis insidiati fuerunt Roberto Akwra commonaco abbatis de Humberstan et ipsum Robertum ibidem verberauerunt vulnerauerunt male tractauerunt et alia enormia ei intulerunt contra pacem domini regis ita quod de vita sua disperabatur et predicti Robertus et alii sunt communes perturbatores et malefactores pacis etc.

Item presentant quod Robertus Neuland de Humberstan et alii die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis sancte Marie anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragésimo nono ut supra vi et armis

videlicet gladiis et baculis etc. in Robertum Akewrita commonacum abbatis de Humberstayn insultum fecerant apud Humberstayn et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt in desperacionem vite sue et alia enormia ei intulerunt iniuste et contra pacem etc.

Ac eciam coram Iohanne Dymmok et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndeseye extitit presentatum quod die Lune in festo sancti Iacobi apostoli anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo apud Grymsby Robertus de Neuland de Humberstan venit vi et armis et insultum fecit Iohanni filio Henrici Hermer de Humberstan contra pacem domini regis et sic prosecutus est ei quod dictus Iohannes cepit quandam foueam et ibidem stetit vsque ad scapulas suas propter metum mortis et non ausus fuit commorari in domo sua propria propter metum mortis.

Item presentant quod vbi Thomas de Fulnetby dudum vicecomes Lincoln³ die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iacobi apostoli anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo quinto ex mandato domini regis attachiauit Robertum de Neuland de Humberstayne ad inueniendum securitatem quod ipse Iohanni filio Henrici Hermer de Humberstayne dampnum non faceret nec fieri procuraret sub pena quadraginta librarum ad quod inuenit manucaptos videlicet Thomam Godewyn Thomam Straunge Iohannem de Appelby et Ricardum Rous predictus tamen Robertus de Neuland post predictam manucapcionem in festo corporis Christi scilicet anno regni regis Edwardi nunc quadragesimo sexto in predictum Iohannem filium Henrici Hermer insultum fecit et eum verberauit vsque ad effusionem sanguinis in cimiterio ecclesie de Humberstayne unde dictum cimiterium adhuc est pollutum.

Item presentant quod idem Robertus de Neuland post predictam manucapcionem videlicet die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Petri apostoli anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo septimo domum predicti Iohannis filii Henrici in Humberstayn fregit vi et armis et ipsum Iohannem ibidem fugauit extra clausum suum et Matillem vxorem eius Iohannis verberauit [et] vulnerauit in desperacionem vite sue ac hostia et fenestras dieti Iohannis diripuit et alia multa enormia ei intulit contra pacem etc.

Item presentant quod predictus Robertus de Neuland post predictam manucapcionem videlicet in festo sancti Iacobi apostoli anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo vi et armis in ipsum Iohannem filium Henrici in campis de Grymesby insultum fecit et eum vltra quandam foueam abbatis et conuentus de Grymesby fugauit propter metum mortem iniuste et contra pacem etc.

Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod venire faceret predictum Robertum de Neuland ad respondendum etc. Et modo scilicet die Veneris proximo post quindenam sancti Martini

isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Robertus Neuland et reddidit se etc. qui committitur Marescallo etc.

Postea scilicet in octabis sancti Hillarii tunc proxime sequentibus coram domini rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Robertus et fecit finem cum domino rege pro transgressionibus predictis prout patet per rotulos finium de termino Hillarii supradicto. Ideo ipse quo ad transgressiones predictas eat inde sine die etc. Et quo ad feloniam predictam idem Robertus acquietatus est prout patet isto eodem rotulo.

Marg: LINCOLN (K.B. 27, 459, Rex m. 47).

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentant quod Willelmus Brian de Barton' die Iouis proximo ante festum sancti Iacobi anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo felonice interfecit Robertum Whyne de Barton' et quod Robertus Neuland de Humberston' recepit predictum Willelmum Briane apud Humberston' per tres dies tunc proxime sequentes sciente de felonia predicta.

Ac eciam coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndesey extitit presentatum quod predictus Robertus Neuland die Lune proximo post festum sancti Petri apostoli anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo sexto sex bidentes abbatis et conuentus de Wellowe precij duodecim solidorum de dicto abbate felonice furatus fuit in Humberstone et illas bidentes furtiue detinuit contra pacem etc. quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit hic terminandum.

Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatum Robertum Neuland si etc. Et modo scilicet die Iouis proximo post festum sancte Katerine virginis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Robertus Neuland per Marescallum ductus quia alias in custodia sua commissus fuit. Et quia predictus Willelmus Brian de Barton' qui de principali facto mortis predicti Roberti Whyne indictatus iam vtlagatus est prout patet per breuia regis de termino [*blank space*] anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono coram domino rege retornata predictus Robertus Neuland allocutus est qualiter de feloniis predictis se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Robertus Neuland in nullo est inde culpabilis de feloniis predictis nec hiis occasionibus se retraxit. Ideo ipse eat inde quietus. Set pro diuersis transgressionibus vnde indictatus est predictus Robertus Neuland committitur prisone in custodia Ricardi de Imworth Marescalli etc. Postea

predictus Robertus Neuland fecit finem cum domino rege pro transgressionibus predictis. Ideo dictum est Marescallo quod deliberet cum etc. (*Marg*: Quietus nec retraxit. Marescallo. Sine die.)

(ii) *Trial in the King's Bench of persons indicted there of conspiracy against Robert Neuland: Easter, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/461, Rex m. 10).*

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores wappentacorum comitatus predicti alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentauerunt quod Robertus de Thirnesco Iohannes filius Henrici Hermer et Willelmus de Thirnesco adinuicem conspirauerunt apud Caestre die Sabati proximo post festum sancti Iacobi apostoli anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo septimo ad destruendum Robertum de Neuland prefatum Robertum de eo quod ipse die Iouis in festo corporis Christi anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo septimo vi et armis verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit Matillem vxorem ipsius Iohannis Hermer apud Humberstane indictari et ea occasione capi et imprisonari vsque diem Iouis proximo ante festum Purificationis beate Marie tunc proxime sequens quo die idem Robertus coram Iohanne de Boys et Thoma de Wythornwyk tunc custodibus pacis et iusticiariis etc. per iuratam patrie in quam inde se posuit de transgressionibus predicta acquietatus fuit apud Kyrketon' in Lyndesay falso et maliciose conspirauerunt.

Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod venire faceret eos ad respondendum etc. Et modo scilicet die Lune proximo post septimanas Pasche isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium veniunt predicti Robertus de Thirnesco Iohannes filius Henrici et Willelmus de Thirnesco per Iohannem de Sadyngton' attornatum suum. Et allocuti sunt separatim qualiter de premissis sibi impositis se velint acquietare. Dicunt separatim quod ipsi in nullo sunt inde culpabiles et de hoc ponunt se super patriam. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancte Trinitatis vbicumque etc. (*Marg*: Venire faciat.)

No further record of the case has been found.

(iii) *Writ of duodecim tales in a plea in the King's Bench concerning a fraudulent enfeoffment by William Brian (p. 69, no. 293, above): Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 26).*

Marg: LINCOLN

Iurata inter dominum regem per Thomam de Shardelowe qui sequitur etc. et Radulfum vicarium ecclesie de Barowe et Iohannem

de Drax capellanum per attornatum suum ad recognoscendum etc. si Willelmus Brian de Barton super Hamber qui felonice interfecit Robertum Whyu de Barton¹ diu ante feloniam predictam factam dedit omnia terras et tenementa sua prefatis Radulfo et aliis fraudulenter videlicet occasione ad faciendum aliquam feloniam et semper predictus Willelmus Brian cepit proficua omnium terrarum et tenementorum predictorum ipsimet post feoffamentum predictum sicut predictus Thomas qui pro domino rege sequitur etc. dicit. An quod predictus Willelmus Brian diu ante feloniam predictam factam videlicet anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo sexto simpliciter et bona fide feoffauit prefatis Radulfo et aliis sicut predicti Radulfus et alii dicunt ponitur in respectum coram domino rege Preceptum est vicecomiti quod non omittat etc. quin apponat xij tam milites etc.⁴

¹ This offence does not appear on the peace roll.

² P. 69, no. 293, above. Neuland was not indicted as accessory before the justices of the peace.

³ He was sheriff of Lincolnshire 1369-71.

⁴ For a discussion of this case, and further information, see Introduction chapter VI, pp. liv-lvi.

VI

Trial in the King's Bench of Simon de Alford, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 22, no. 49 : p. 58, no. 247, above) : Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 33d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Iohanne [sic] de Wylughby et sociis suis iusticiariis pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndesey extitit presentatum quod Simon de Alford de Magna Cotes in festo sancti Clementis anno regni regis nunc Anglie xlvij felonice interfecit Ricardum filium Stephani Aleynson de Magna Cotes apud Magnam Cotes quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia certis de causis coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum etc. Et modo scilicet die Veneris proximo post octabas sancti Martini isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln⁷ venit predictus Simon de Alford et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de felonia predicta se velit acquietare qui dicit quod dominus rex pardonauit ei sectam pacis sue que ad ipsum pertinet pro morte predicta per literas suas patentes quas profert in curia in hec verba. Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie Dominus Hibernie omnibus balliuis et fidelibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis quod de gracia nostra speciali et pro eo quod sumus informati quod Simon de Alford de villa de Magna Cotes in comitatu Lincoln⁷ interfecit Ricardum filium Stephani filii Alani de predicta villa de Magna

Cotes se defendendo et non per maliciam precogitatum ita quod mortem suam propriam aliter euadere non potuit pardonauimus eidem Simoni sectam pacis nostre que ad nos pertinet pro morte predicti Ricardi vnde idem Simon indictatus recatus vel appellatus existit ac etiam vtlagariam si qua in ipsum ea occasione fuerit promulgata et firmam pacem nostram ei inde concedimus. Ita tamen quod stet recto in curia nostra si quis versus eum loqui voluerit de morte supradieta. In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Eltham xix die Aprilis anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo nono regni vero nostri Francie tricesimo sexto.

Et quia in statuto domini regis¹ continetur quod nulla huius [modi] carta suggestiua allocari debeat antequam inquiratur inde rei veritas per patriam etc. ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Et iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Simon de Alford interfecit prefatum Ricardum filium Stephani se defendendo ita quod mortem suam propriam aliter euadere non potuit. Catalla eius nulla. Quarum pretextu predictus Simon petit ipsum a prisona domini regis deliberari etc. Et inspectis literis domini regis predictis et plenius examinatis consideratum est quod predictus Simon eat inde sine die etc. (*Marg:* Sine die.)

¹ 27 Edward III st. 1, c. 2.

VII

Trial in the King's Bench of Walter de Shirland, on indictments before justices of the peace (p. 26, no. 65; pp. 55-6, nos. 229-36, above) and of the King's Bench: Trinity, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/462, Rex m. 20d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono coram domino rege apud Lincoln¹ presentauerunt quod Iohanna de Flete die Lune proximo ante festum Pentecostes anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo septimo felonice furata fuit quatuordecim solidos et octo denarios de Iohanne Pardoner de Scoter apud Scoter. Et quod Walterus de Shirland persona ecclesie de Scoter statim post feloniam factam prefatam Iohannam apud Scoter receptauit sciens ipsam esse felonem et eam manutenuit et adhuc manutenet.

Ac etiam coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in comitatu predicto extitit presentatum quod vbi Iohanna atte Flete de Scoter die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptistae anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo septimo domum Iohannis Pardoner deburgauit apud Scoter et ibidem xij s. iij d. in pecunia numerata felonice furata.

fuit et asportauit. Et quod Walterus persona ecclesie de Skoter sciens predictam Iohannam feloniam predictam fecisse predictis die et loco receptauit [eam] felonice et manutenuit. Item presentant quod idem Walterus die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo septimo apud Scoter Iohannam uxorem Willelmi othe Flete felonice rapuit.

Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatum Walterum si etc. Et modo scilicet die Mercurii proximo post quindenam sancti Iohannis Baptiste isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Walterus postquam positus fuit in exigendo et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasionibus predictis qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de feloniis predictis se velit acquietare qui quidem Walterus quo ad raptum et receptamentum predictie Iohanne postquam ipsa deburgasse debuisset domum prefati Iohannis Pardoner et in eadem domo tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios felonice cepisse et asportasse debuisset dicit quod dominus rex pardonauit ei sectam pacis sue que ad ipsum pertinet pro raptu et receptamento predictis per literas suas patentes quas profert hic in curia in hec verba. *{There follows the pardon, dated June 8th, 50 Edward III.}* Quarum pretextu idem Walterus petit ipsum a prisona domini regis deliberari etc. Et inspectis literis domini regis predictis consideratum est quod predictus Walterus quo ad raptum et receptamentum prefate Iohanne postquam ipsa deburgasse debuisset domum prefati Iohannis Pardoner et in eadem domo tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios felonice cepisse et asportasse eat inde sine die. Et quo ad receptamentum predictie Iohanne postquam ipsa felonice furasse debuisset quatuordecim solidos et octo denarios de Iohanne Pardoner dicit quod non tenetur ad receptamentum predictum respondere quousque predicta Iohanna de principali facto felonie predictie superius indietata wayuietur vel alio modo conuincatur. Et petit interim dimitti per manucepcionem etc. Et super hoc veniunt Iohannes More de London' skynner Iohannes Whitchirche de London' skynner Robertus Thwenge et Iohannes Ruggel de London' skynner et manucepiunt predictum Walterum habendi eum coram domino rege in octabis sancti Michelis vbicumque etc.

Et sciendum quod predictus Walterus indietatus est de diuersis transgressionibus coram custodibus pacis etc. Ad quem diem pro eo quod testatum est hic in curia quod predictus Walterus in prisona domini regis de Neugate extitit mancipatus ita quod ad diem sibi prefixum coram domino rege venire non potuit ideo preceptum est vicecomiti quod corpus predicti Walteri habeat coram domino rege ad certum diem vna cum causa capcionis etc. Ad quem diem vicecomes retornat prout insequitur. Ante aduentum istius breuis Walterus de Shirland infra scriptus captus

fuit et in prisiona domini regis de Neugate detentus pro viginti libris sterlinge quas Iohannes Whitecherehe ciuis et pelliparius London' in curia domini regis coram Iohanne Norhamton' vno vicecomitum London' versus ipsum Walterum nuper recuperavit in quodam placito debiti vnde idem Walterus in curia predicta per cognicionem suam propriam conuictus fuit. Et hec est causa captiois et detencionis eiusdem Walteri in prisiona predicta attamen corpus ipsius Walteri coram vobis promptum habeamus prout in hoc breui precipitur qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit. Et quia predicta Iohanna de principali facto felonie predictae indictata iam wayuiata est prout patet per breuia regis de termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quinquagesimo predictus Walterus instanter allocutus est qualiter de receptamento pre facto se velit acquietare qui dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et interim predictus Walterus committitur Marescallo etc.

Postea scilicet a die sancti Trinitatis in xv dies anno regni regis nunc Anglie 1j^o coram domino rege apud Wyntoniam venit predictus Walterus in custodia Marescalli et dicit quod dominus rex pardonavit ei sectam pacis sue que ad ipsum pertinet pro omnimodis feloniiis exceptis etc. per literas suas patentes quas profert hic in curia in hec verba. [*There follows a general pardon, dated May 7th. 51 Edward III.*] Quarum pretextu idem Walterus petit ipsum a prisiona domini regis deliberari etc. Et inspectis literis domini regis predictis consideratum est quod predictus Walterus eat inde sine die. (*Marg: Sine die.*)

VIII

Trial in the King's Bench of John Ammory, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 29, no. 82, above): Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 23).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram custodibus pacis in partibus de Lyndesay in comitatu predicto extitit presentatum quod Iohannes Ammory de Horneastre senescallus Episcopi Carliolensis die Mercurii proximo post festum assumptionis beate Marie anno regni regis Anglie quadragesimo septimo ubi quedam inquisicio capienda fuit de villata de Horneastre coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis iusticiariis et duodecim hominibus [sic] iuratis ad inquirendum pro domino rege concordati fuerunt super veredictum suum in quo veredicto continebatur [sic] diverse felonie et transgressiones et veredictum predictum scriptum et examinatum ad reddendum prefatis iusticiariis predictus Iohannes Amory venit ibidem obuiando

Simoni de Douwode vno iuratorum predictorum et librum veredicti predicti a manibus ipsius Simonis extraxit et illud per Radulfum Fole de Horncastre arderi et ad nichilare fecit in domini regis contemptum et curie sue decepcionem. Et statim post idem Iohannes fecit vnum alium veredictum eodem die more et assensu suo proprio in quo veredicto diuersi homines patrie indictati fuerunt sine assensu et voluntate predictorum iuratorum quod quidem veredictum idem Iohannes deliberauit prefatis iusticiariis attraendo sibi regalem potestatem.

Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex postea scilicet isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit terminandum per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum si etc. Et modo scilicet die Mercurii proximo ante festum apostolorum Simonis et Iude isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Iohannes Amory et reddidit se Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de premissis sibi impositis se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Iohannes Amory in nullo est culpabilis de premissis sibi impositis. Ideo ipse eat sine die etc. (*Marg: Sine die.*)

IX

Trial in the King's Bench of John Rason, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 35, no. 113, above): Michaelmas, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/463, Rex m. 1d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndesey extitit presentatum quod Iohannes de Rason' de Glannfordbrigge die Iouis proximo post festum translacionis sancti Thome martiris anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo septimo apud Caisthorpe felonice interfecit Thomam Fisshere de Thornholm'. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia certis de causis coram eo venire fecit terminandum etc. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis sancti Michelis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Iohannes de Rason' postquam positus fuit in exigendo. Et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de morte predicta se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde de bono et malo ponit se super patriam. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino

rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbiicumque etc. Et interim predictus Iohannes de Rason remittitur prisone in custodia Ricardi de Imworth Marescalli etc. (*Marg: Marescallo.*)

Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Iohannes de Rason' in custodia Marescalli. Et vicecomes retornat nomina iuratorum quorum nullus etc. Ideo iurata predicta posita fuit in respectum coram domino rege virtute breuis domini regis iusticiariis hic directi de iurata predicta per breue de Nisi prius capienda vsque a die Pasche in xv dies [*The writ of Nisi Prius follows.*] Et interim predictus Iohannes remittitur prisone in custodia Ricardi de Imworth Marescalli etc. Et dictum est eidem Marescallo quod corpus prefati Iohannis habeat coram prefatis iusticiariis ad prefatos diem et locum etc.

Ad quam quindenam Pasche coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Iohannes in custodia Marescalli. Et predicti iusticiarii coram quibus etc. miserunt recordum veredicti iurate predictae coram eis habite in hec verba. Postea coram Willelmo de Skypwyth' et Willelmo de Burgh' iusticiariis ad assisas in comitatu Lincoln' capiendas assignatis apud Lincoln' die Mercurii in septimana Pasche infracontento venit predictus Iohannes de Rason' infranominatus. Et similiter iuratores veniunt qui ex consensu ipsius Iohannis ad hoc electi et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Iohannes in nullo est culpabilis de feloniam infra contenta etc. Et dicunt quod predictus Iohannes de Rason' nulla habent [sic] bona seu catalla etc. Ideo consideratum est quod predictus Iohannes de Rason' est inde quietus etc. (*Marg: Quietus nec retraxit.*)

X

Trial in the King's Bench of Richard de Scampton, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 39, no. 142, above): Michaelmas, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/463, Rex m. 6).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis comitatus predicti in partibus de Lyndesey extitit presentatum quod Ricardus de Scampton' shephird die Lune proximo post festum exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadagesimo quinto apud Burton' iuxta Lincoln' xij bidentes Roberti de Muston' precij viginti et quatuor solidorum felonice furatus fuit et abduxit etc. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia certis de causis coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis sancti Michelis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Ricardus de Scampton' per breue de exigendo et reddidit se prisone Marescaleie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur

Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de feloniam predictam se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et super hoc veniunt Iohannes de Keuermond Thomas de Billesdon Iohannes de Poynton iunior et Willelmus Snarry et manucapiunt pro predicto Ricardo de Scampton habendi corpus eius coram domino rege ad prefatum terminum etc. Et sic de die in diem quousque etc. Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Ricardus per manucapcionem predictam. Et vicecomes retornat nomina iuratorum quorum nullus etc. Ideo iurata predicta posita fuit in respectum coram domino rege virtute brevis domini regis iusticiariis hic directi de iurata predicta per breue de Nisi prius capienda vsque a die Pasche in xv dies vbicumque etc. [*The writ of Nisi Prius follows.*]

Ad quam quindenam Pasche coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Ricardus de Scampton per manucapcionem predictam. Et predictus Thomas coram quo etc. misit recordum veredicti iurate predictae coram eo habite in hec verba. Postea die et loco infracontentis coram prefato Thoma de Ingelby associato sibi Thoma de Pynchebek per formam statuti etc. venit predictus Ricardus de Scampton shephirde per manucapcionem suam predictam. Et proclamacione inde facta si quis pro domino rege in hac parte prosequi aut informare voluerit etc. et nullus etc. Et iuratores super premissis electi triati et iurati similiter veniunt qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Ricardus in nullo est culpabilis de feloniam infra contenta nec unquam se inde retraxit. Et dicunt quod predictus Ricardus die quo in exigendo positus fuit nulla habuit bona nec catalla. Ideo consideratum est quod predictus Ricardus eat inde quietus etc. (*Marg: Quietus nec retraxit.*)

XI

Indictment and trial in the King's Bench of John de Gerneseye, previously indicted before justices of the peace (p. 53, no. 212, above); Trinity, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/462, Rex m. 11).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono coram domino rege apud Lincoln presentauerunt quod quidam Iohannes de Gerneseye nuper custos passagij de Humbre die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Michelis archangeli anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo apud Barton iuxta Humbre noctanter intrauit clausum Iohannis de Feriby et Emmam filiam ipsius Iohannis felonice rapuit et ipsam in domum suam introduxit et cum ea contra voluntatem suam concubuit.

Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum si etc. Et modo scilicet die Veneris proximo post octabas sancte Trinitatis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Iohannes de Gerneseye postquam positus fuit in exigendo et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de feloniam predicta se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege a die sancti Michelis in xv dies vbiicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et super hoc veniunt Robertus de Methelay Thomas de Ellerbek Iohannes de Poynton' iunior et Iohannes de Sadyngton' et manucapiunt pro predicto Iohanne de Gerneseye habendi corpus eius coram domino rege ad prefatum terminum etc. Et sic de die in diem quousque etc. (*Marg: Manucaptores.*)

John Gernesey failed to appear on the appointed day. In Easter term, 1377, a writ of capias was issued against him and Robert de Methelay, one of his mainperners (K.B. 27/465, Rex m. 4d.): in Trinity term, 1377, they were both put in exigend (K.B. 27/466, Rex m. 7).

XII

Indictment and trial in the King's Bench of the accessories of John de Osgodby (p. 57, no. 238, above): Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 43).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege hic presentant quod Iohannes de Osgodby quondam seruiens Willelmi de Belesby die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo septimo apud Belesby felonice interfecit Iohannem Stelgad de Belesby. Et quod Willelmus de Belesby et Walterus Plomme de Belesby fuerunt ibidem dictis die et anno presentes et auxiliantes et vim prebentes predicto Iohanni de Osgodby ad predictam feloniam faciendam. Et quod vbi Iohannes de Osgodby nuper seruiens Willelmi de Belesby die Martis proximo ante festum sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octavo felonice interfecit Iohannem Stelkadde de Belesby in campis de Belesby. Et quod Willelmus de Belesby die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octavo apud Belesby recepit predictum Iohannem de Osgodby sciente ipsum esse felonem etc.

Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatos Willelmum de Belesby et Walterus Plomme si etc. Et modo scilicet die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Martini isto eodem

termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' veniunt predicti Willelmus de Belesby et Walterus Plomme et reddiderunt se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasionibus predictis qui committuntur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ducti veniunt. Et quia predictus Iohannes de Osgodby de principali facto felonie predictae superius indictatus nondum vtlagatur nec aliquo modo conuictus est ideo iidem Willelmus de Belesby et Walterus Plomme dimmittuntur per manucepcionem Radulfi Paynel militis Thome Kydale militis Willelmi Bussy militis et Roberti de Hundon' militis qui manucapiunt pro predictis Willelmo de Belesby et Waltero Plomme habendi corpora eorum coram domino rege in octabis sancti Michelis vbicumque etc. (*Marg: Manucaptores.*)

Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium veniunt predicti Willelmus et Walterus per manucepcionem predictam. Et quia predictus Iohannes de Osgodby de principali facto felonie predictae superius indictatus iam vtlagatus est prout patet per breuia regis [de] termino sancti Michelis anno quinquagesimo predicti Willelmus et Walterus instanter allocuti sunt separatim qualiter de presencia vi et auxilio et receptamento se velint acquietare. Dicunt separatim quod ipsi in nullo sunt inde culpabiles et inde ponunt se super patriam etc. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbicumque etc. et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et super hoc veniunt Thomas Pynchebek Iohannes de Sadyngton' Iohannes Keuermond et Willelmus Stathern' et manucapiunt predictos Willelmum et Walterum habendi corpora eorum coram domino rege ad prefatum terminum etc. (*Marg: Manucaptores.*)

Postea scilicet a die Pasche in xv dies anno regni regis nunc Anglie ljo coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium veniunt predicti Willelmus et Walterus per manucepcionem predictam. Et dicunt singulariter quod dominus rex pardonauit eis sectam pacis sue que ad ipsum pertinet pro omnimodis feloniiis exceptis etc. per literas suas patentes quas proferunt hic in curia in hec verba. [*General pardons, dated April 19th, 51 Edward III.*] Quarum pretextu iidem Willelmus et Walterus petunt ipsos a prisona domini regis deliberari etc. Et inspectis literis domini regis predictis consideratum est quod predicti Willelmus et Walterus quo ad felonias predictas eant sine die etc. (*Marg: Sine die. Sine die.*)

XIII

Trial in the King's Bench of John Houlot, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 59, no. 250, above); Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 40d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Roberto de Wilughby et sociis suis nuper custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndeseye extitit presentatum

quod vbi Iohannes Raa de Northcotes et Robertus Raa frater eius die Veneris in festo sancti Michelis archangeli anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octavo felonice interfecerunt Matillem uxorem Iohannis Clerk de Northcotes in Northcotes¹ et super hoc idem Iohannes Clerk prosecutus fuit vsque ad domum Iohannis Houlot constabularii eiusdem ville cum clameo et hutesio ad dictos felones arestandos et attachiandos idem Iohannes Houlot dictos felones abire voluntarie permisit et bona et catalla dictorum felonum ad valenciam centum solidorum asportari permisit absque aliquo impedimento per ipsum inde facto. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo hic venire fecit terminandum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum si etc. Et modo coram domino rege hic venit predictus Iohannes Houlot et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de feloniam predicta se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est indeculpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Iohannes Houlot in nullo est culpabilis de feloniam predicta nec ea occasione se retraxit. Ideo ipse eat inde quietus. (*Marg:* Quietus nec retraxit.) Set dicunt quod Robertus Raa captus fuit et euasit ob defectum custodie villate predictae. Per quod preceptum est vicecomiti quod venire faciat coram domino rege apud Lincoln' prefatam villatam de Northcotes ad respondendum etc. Et modo scilicet die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Martini isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' veniunt homines villate predictae in propriis personis suis et quesitum est ab eis si quid pro se habeant vel dicere sciant quare de euasione prefati Roberti erga dominum regem onerari non debeant qui dicunt quod non possunt dedicere quin ipsi erga dominum regem de euasione predicti Roberti onerari non [sic] debeant. Ideo eadem villata erga dominum regem de centum solidis pro euasione predicta oneretur etc. (*Marg:* Euasio e s.)

¹ See p. 57, no. 237, above.

XIV

(i) *Trial in the King's Bench of William de Thoresby, imprisoned on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 66, no. 279, above) : delivery of Lincoln gaol, Michaelmas, 1375 (K.B. 27 459, Rex m. 36).*

Adhuc de deliberacione gaole domini regis castri Lincoln' facta ibidem coram domino rege die Lune proximo post festum apostolorum Simonis et Iude anno regni regis Edwardi tereii post conquestum quadragesimo nono.

Marg: LINCOLN

Willelmus de Thoresby captus per vicecomitem comitatus predicti et Oliuero de Barton' constabulario castri predicti liberatus

per indictamentum factum coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis in partibus de Lyndesey de eo quod idem Willelmus die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Gregorij pape anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo in Iohannem filium Willelmi Warde de Saltflehauen' apud Saltflehauen' insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit et unum gladium xxiiij sagittas precij dimidie marce de eodem Iohanne filio Willelmi ibidem contra voluntatem suam furtiue cepit et asportauit. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Modo non venit per constabularium ductus per quod dictum est prefato constabularium quod corpus prefati Willelmi de Toresby [sic] ducat hic in curiam ad respondendum domino regi de feloniam predicta qui quidem constabularius dicit quod corpus prefati Willelmi coram domino rege ducere non potest quia dicit quod postquam idem Willelmus sic in custodia sua commissus fuit ab eadem euasit. Ideo idem constabularius de centum solidis erga dominum regem de euasione predicta oneretur. Et preceptum est vicecomiti quod exigi faciat prefatum Willelmum de comitatu in comitatum quousque etc. vtlagetur si non etc. Et si etc. tunc cum capiat etc. Et saluo etc. Ita quod habeat corpus eius coram domino rege in octabis sancti Iohannis Baptiste vbicumque etc. (*Marg: Exigenda.*)

(ii) *Trial in the King's Bench of William, son of Andrew Milner, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 66, no. 279, above); Michaelmas, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/463, Rex m. 6d.).*

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis comitatus predicti in partibus de Lyndesay extitit presentatum quod Willelmus filius Andree Milnere et alii die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Gregorij pape anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo in Iohannem filium Willelmi Warde de Saltflehauen' apud Saltflehauen' insultum fecerunt et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt et vnum gladium viginti quatuor sagittas precij dimidie marce de eodem Iohanne filio Willelmi ibidem contra voluntatem suam furtiue ceperunt et asportauerunt. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia certis de causis coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatum Willelmum si etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis sancti Michelis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Willelmus per breue de exigendo et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de feloniam predicta se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est

inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et super hoc venit [sic] Willelmus Snarry de Somercotes Iohannes Clerk de Saltflethauen' Walterus de Botheby de eadem et Robertus de Keel et manucapiunt pro predicto Willelmo filio Andree Milnere habendi corpus eius coram domino rege ad prefatum terminum etc. Et sciendum est quod predictus Willelmus filius Andree indictatus est de diuersis transgressionibus coram eisdem custodibus pacis etc.

Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Willelmus per manucapcionem predictam. Et vicecomes retornat nomina iuratorum quorum nullus etc. Ideo iurata predicta posita fuit in respectum coram domino rege virtute breuis domini regis iusticiariis hic directi de iurata predicta per breue de Nisi prius capienda vsque a die Pasche in xv dies ubicumque etc. [*The writ of Nisi Prius follows.*]

Postea die et loco infracontentis coram prefato Thoma de Ingelby associato sibi Thoma Pynchebek per formam statuti etc. venit predictus Willelmus filius Andree Milner per manucapcionem suam predictam. Et proclamacione inde facta si quis pro domino rege in hac parte prosequi aut informare voluerit. Et nullus venit etc. Et iuratores super premissis electi triati et iurati similiter veniunt qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Willelmus filius Andree in nullo est culpabilis de feloniam infracontenta set dicunt quod predictus Willelmus filius Andree die quo in exigendo positus fuit habuit bona et catalla ad valenciam xld. vnde villata de Skytbrok domino rege respondit. Ideo consideratum est quod predictus Willelmus filius Andree eat inde quietus etc. (*Marg: Catallorum forisfactorum (xld.⁹). Quietus nec retraxit.*)¹

¹ For further information about this case, see Introduction, pp. lvi-lvii, chapter VI.

XV

Indictment and trial in the King's Bench of John Tasker (p. 67, no. 281; p. 87, no. 384, above); Easter, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/461, Rex m. 7).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo nono coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentauerunt quod Iohannes Taskar de Northornesby felonice interfecit Iohannem de Kelum de eadem villa die Lune proximo post festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo septimo apud Ormesby.¹ Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum si etc. Et modo scilicet die Veneris proximo post quindenam Pasche isto

eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Iohannes Taskar postquam positus fuit in exigendo et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus qualiter de morte predicta se velit acquietare dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde de bono et malo penit se super patriam etc. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancte Trinitatis vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et super hoc veniunt Ricardus Sutton' de London' taillour Thomas Briggenorth de London' brewer Iohannes William de London' taillour et Iohannes Forster de London' cook et manueapiunt pro predicto Iohanne Taskar habendi corpus eius coram domino rege ad prefatum terminum etc.

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo nono coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentauerunt quod Iohannes Taskar nuper manens in Ormesby die Lune proximo post festum Natiuitatis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo octauo apud Northormesby felonice interfecit Robertum de Kyllom.² Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum si etc. Et modo scilicet die Veneris proximo post quindenam Pasche isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Iohannes Taskar postquam positus fuit in exigendo et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de morte predicta se velit acquietare qui dicit quod dominus rex pardonauit ei sectam pacis sue que ad ipsum pertinet per literas suas patentis quas profert hic in curia in hec verba

There follows the pardon, dated February 3rd, 51 Edward III. The judgment is not recorded.

¹This indictment is in the same form as no. 384, above. The two indictments before justices of the peace differ from each other as to the date of the offence.

²This indictment is in the same form as no. 281, above.

XVI

Indictments and trial in the King's Bench of John Sharpe and Mabel, his wife (p. 72, no. 311; p. 88, nos. 392-3, above); Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 55).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentant quod Iohannes Sharpe de Spredlyngton' die Dominica proxima post

festum sancti Petri in cathedra anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono felonice furatus fuit unum equum cuiusdam Willelmi Kreuker de Hanneworth' precij triginta solidorum apud Hanworth'. Et quod idem Iohannes Sharpe die Lune in festo sancti Luce ewangeliste anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo apud Haneworth' felonice furatus fuit duos boues cuiusdam Willelmi Kreuker precij quadraginta solidorum et est communis latro.

Et quod idem Iohannes die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Luce ewangeliste anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo quoddam iumentum Iohannis de Netilham precij decem solidorum in campis de Spridlyngton' felonice furatus fuit et quod est communis latro. Et quod idem Iohannes die Martis in vigilia sancti Luce ewangeliste anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo apud Spridlyngton' furtiue furatus fuit vnum equum precij tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum de Iohanne de Netilham de Spridlyngton' et abduxit.

Et quod Mabilla vxor Iohannis Sharpe de Spridlyngton' die Sabati in festo sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo felonice furata fuit vnum bolle de arbore apud Lincoln' de Iohanne Bollard de Lincoln' precij octo denariorum et abduxit.

Et quod idem Iohannes die Lune proximo post festum sancti Luce ewangeliste anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo felonice furatus fuit vnum equum Iohannis de Netelham de Spridlyngton' precij decem solidorum apud Spridlyngton et abduxit.

Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eos si etc. Et modo scilicet die Martis proximo post festum sancti Martini isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' veniunt predicti Iohannes Sharpe et Mabilla vxor eius et reddiderunt se prisone Marescaleie domini regis occasionibus predictis qui committuntur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ducti veniunt et allocuti sunt qualiter de feloniis predictis se velint acquietare. Dicunt separatim quod ipsi in nullo sunt inde culpabiles et de hoc ponunt se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicti Iohannes Sharpe et Magilla [sic] in nullo sunt culpabiles de feloniis predictis nec hiis occasionibus se retraxerunt. Ideo ipsi eant quieti etc. (*Marg.*: Quietus quieti nec retraxerunt.)

XVII

Trial in the King's Bench of William, son of Henry de Coningsby, and John, son of John Togood, on indictments before justices of the peace (p. 73, no. 317; p. 76, no. 328, above); Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 53).

Marg.: LINCOLN

Alias coram Roberto de Wilughby et sociis suis nuper custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndeseye extitit presentatum

quod Willelmus filius Henrici de Conyngesby die Lune proximo post festum conuersionis sancti Pauli anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Conyngesby felonice interfecit Iohannem nuper seruientem Iacobi Braban de Conyngesby. Et quod Iohannes filius Iohannis Togood de Myntyng die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Petri in cathedra anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo felonice interfecit Thomam seruientem Willelmi Forster de Thorlay apud Goudeby. Que quidem indictamenta dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit hic terminanda. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eos si etc. Et modo coram domino rege hic veniunt predicti Willelmus filius Henrici de Conyngesby et Iohannes filius Iohannis Togood et reddiderunt se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasionibus predictis qui committuntur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ducti veniunt et allocuti sunt separatim qualiter de feloniis predictis se velint acquietare. Dicunt separatim quod ipsi in nullo sunt inde culpabiles et inde de bono et malo ponunt se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicti Willelmus filius Henrici et Iohannes filius Iohannis in nullo sunt culpabiles de feloniis predictis nec hiis occasionibus se retraxerunt. Ideo ipsi eant inde quieti etc. (*Marg:* Quietus quietus nec retraxerunt.)

XVIII

(i) *Indictments and trial in the King's Bench of Richard Spenser and Alice, his wife* (p. 77, no. 334 and no. 336, above); *Michaelmas, 1376, at Westminster* (K.B. 27/463, Rex m. 11).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentauerunt quod Ricardus Spenser de Neuton' et Alicia vxor eius die Iouis in festo corporis Christi anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono felonice interfecerunt Robertum Gascall de Wald Neuton' et Iohannem de Thorgamby seruientem predicti Roberti apud Wald Neuton. Et quod idem Ricardus Spenser per nomen Ricardi Spenser de Wald Neuton' die Mercurii proximo ante festum corporis Christi anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono felonice interfecit magistrum Robertum Gascall de Wald Neuton' apud Wald Neuton'. Et quod idem Ricardus die et anno predictis felonice interfecit Iohannem Shepherd nuper seruientem predicti Roberti Gascall apud Wald Neuton'.¹ Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatos Ricardum Spenser et Aliciam vxorem eius etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis sancti Michelis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venerunt

predicti Ricardus Spenser et Alicia per breue de exigendo et reddiderunt se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasionibus predictis qui committuntur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ducti veniunt et allocuti sunt separatim qualiter de felonis predictis se velint acquietare. Dicunt separatim quod ipsi in nullo sunt inde culpabiles et inde de bono et malo ponunt se super patriam etc. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et interim predicti Ricardus Spenser et Alicia remittuntur prisone in custodia Ricardi de Imworth Marescalli etc. (*Marg:* Marescallus.)

Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium veniunt predicti Ricardus et Alicia in custodia Marescalli et vicecomes retornat nomina iuratorum quorum nullus etc. Ideo iurata predicta posita fuit in respectum coram domino rege virtute breuis domini regis iusticiariis hic directi de iurata predicta per breue de Nisi prius capienda vsque a die Pasche in xv dies vbicumque etc. [*The writ of Nisi Prius follows.*] Ad quam quindenam Pasche coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium veniunt predicti Willelmus et Alicia in custodia Marescalli et predicti iusticiarii coram quibus etc. miserunt recordum veredicti iurate predictae coram eis habite in hec verba. Postea coram Willelmo de Skipwyth' et Willelmo de Burgh' iusticiariis domini regis ad assisas in comitatu Lincoln' capiendas assignatis apud Lincoln' die Mercurii in septimana Pasche infracontenta veniunt Ricardus Spenser de Neuton' et Alicia vxor eius infranominati. Et similiter iuratores veniunt qui ex consensu ipsorum Ricardi et Alicie electi et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicti Ricardus Spenser et Alicia in nullo sunt culpabiles de felonis infracontentis et dicunt quod predicti Ricardus et Alicia nulla habent bona seu catalla. Ideo consideratum est quod predicti Ricardus et Alicia eant inde quieti etc. (*Marg:* Quietus quieta.)

(ii) *Indictments and trial in the King's Bench of Richard Spenser and Alice, his wife, as accessories of Thomas Pynder* (p. 80, no. 352, above): *Michaelmas, 1376, at Westminster* (K.B. 27 463, Rer m. 11).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentauerunt quod ubi Ricardus Spenser de Wald Neuton' die Mercurii proximo ante festum corporis Christi anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono felonice interfecit magistrum Robertum Gascall de Wald Neuton' apud Wald Neuton'. Et quod Alicia vxor eiusdem Ricardi fuit ibidem presens [et] auxilians ad feloniam illam faciendam ibidem die et anno supradictis.

Item quod predictus Ricardus die et anno predictis felonice interfecit Iohannem Shepherde nuper seruientem predicti Roberti Gascall apud Wald Neuton'. Et quod Alicia vxor predicti Ricardi fuit ibidem presens et auxilians ad feloniam predictam faciendam die et anno supradictis.

Et quod vbi Thomas Pynder de Helyng die Louis in festo corporis Christi anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Neuton' felonice interfecit magistrum Robertum Gascall de Neuton'. Et quod Ricardus Spenser de Neuton' fuit ibidem presens et auxilians et vim prebens ad feloniam predictam faciendam. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatos Aliciam et Ricardum Spenser si etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis sancti Michelis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venerunt predicti Alicia et Ricardus et reddiderunt se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasionibus predictis qui committuntur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ducti veniunt. Et quia predictus Thomas Pynder de principali facto felonie predictae superius indictatus iam vtlagatus est prout patet per breuia regis de isto eodem termino sancti Michelis predictus Ricardus instanter allocutus est qualiter de presenciam et auxilio et vi predicti Thome Pynder se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde de bono et malo ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbicumque etc. Et qui ad recognoscendum etc. Et interim predictus Ricardus committitur prisone in custodia Ricardi de Imworth Marescalli etc. (*Marg: Marescallus.*)

Et predicta Alicia dicit quod non tenetur ad presenciam et auxilium predicti Ricardi respondere quousque predictus Ricardus de principali facto felonie predictae superius indictatus vtlagetur vel alio modo conuincatur. Et interim predicta Alicia aliis certis de causis committitur prisone in custodia predicti Ricardi de Imworth Marescalli etc. (*Marg: Marescallus.*)

Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium veniunt predicti Ricardus et Alicia in custodia Marescalli. Et vicecomes retornat nomina iuratorum quorum nullus etc. Ideo iurata predicta posita in respectum coram domino rege virtute breuis domini regis iusticiariis hic directi de iurata predicta per breue de Nisi prius capienda vsque a die Pasche in xv dies vbicumque [*The writ of Nisi Prius follows.*] Ad quam quindenam Pasche coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium veniunt predicti Willelmus [sic] et Alicia in custodia Marescalli. Et predicti iusticiarii coram quibus etc. miserunt recordum veredicti iurate predictae coram eis habite in hec verba. Postea coram Willelmo de Skipwyth' et Willelmo de Burgh' iusticiariis domini regis ad assisas in comitatu Lincoln' capiendas assignatis apud Lincoln' die Mercurii in septimana Pasche infracontenta veniunt Ricardus Spenser et Alicia vxor eius infra nominata. Et similiter iuratores

veniunt qui ex consensu ipsorum Ricardi et Alicie ad hoc electi et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicti Ricardus et Alicia in nullo sunt culpabiles de feloniam infra contenta etc. Et dicunt quod predicti Ricardus et Alicia nulla habent bona seu catalla etc. Ideo consideratum est quod predicti Ricardus et Alicia eant inde quieti etc. (*Marg: Quietus quieta.*)

(iii) *Indictment and trial in the King's Bench of Thomas Campyon² as accessory of Richard and Alice Spenser: Easter, 1377, at Westminster (K.B. 27/465, Rex m. 1).*

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentauerunt quod ubi Ricardus Spenser de Wald Neuton' et Alicia vxor eius die Mercurii in festo corporis Christi anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono felonice interfecerunt magistrum Robertum Gascall de Wald Neuton' apud Wald Neuton' Thomas Campyon persona ecclesie de Beseby receptauit apud Beseby predictos Ricardum Spenser et Aliciam felones predictos sciens ipsos fecisse feloniam predictam. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod non omitteret etc. quin caperet predictum Thomam si etc. Et modo scilicet die Veneris proximo post quindenam Pasche isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Thomas Campyon et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et quia predicti Ricardus et Alicia de principali facto felonie predictae superius indictati de eadem principali feloniam iam acquietati sunt prout patet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quinquagesimo rotulo xj inter placita corone ideo idem Thomas Campyon quo ad receptamentum predictorum Ricardi et Alicie eat sine die etc. (*Marg: Sine die.*)

¹ Alice is not mentioned in the indictments before justices of the peace.

² Thomas Campyon was not mentioned in the indictments before justices of the peace.

XIX

Trial in the King's Bench of William de Douer and Roger Smyth, on indictments before justices of the peace (p. 79, nos. 348-9, above): Michaelmas, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/463, Rex m. 8d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis comitatus predicti in partibus de Lyndesey extitit presentatum quod Willelmus de Douer de Wolricby est rebellis contra constabularios eiusdem ville et non vult iusticiari

per eosdem et renuit facere vigilias cum aliis vicinis in eadem villa prout per statutum inde ordinatum est in regis contemptum videlicet anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono. Et quod ubi Iohannes Fraunceys custos animalium de Wolricby coram iusticiariis de pace in partibus de Lyndesey apud Castre anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octavo de quibusdam felonis indictatus fuit et eadem de causa ibidem captus et imprisonatus idem Iohannes Fraunceys in defectu custodie Willelmi de Douer et Rogeri Smyth' de Wolricby euasit videlicet xv die Maii anno supradicto. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia certis de causis coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod venire faceret prefatos Willelmum de Douer et Rogerum Smyth' ad respondendum etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis sancti Michelis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium veniunt predicti Willelmus de Douer et Rogerus Smyth per Iohannem de Feryby attornatum suum et quesitum est ab eis si quid pro se habeant vel dicere sciant quare domino regi de euasione predicta onerari non debeant. Et predictus Willelmus de Douer allocutus est qualiter de transgressionis predictis sibi impositis se velit acquietare qui quidem Willelmus de Douer et Rogerus Smyth' petunt inde licenciam loquendi etc. Et super hoc datus est eis dies coram domino rege vsque in octabas sancti Hillarii vbicumque etc. in statu quo nunc etc. eo quod curia etc.

No further record of the case has been found.

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Trial in the King's Bench of William Emmotson, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 80, no. 351, above); Michaelmas, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/463, Rex m. 3d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis comitatus predicti in partibus de Lyndesey extitit presentatum quod Willelmus Emmotson' de Baumburgh' apud Stratam inter villas de Theuelby et Staynton' die Mercurii proximo ante festum corporis Christi anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono felonice interfecit quendam extraneum et ipsum depredauit de vno equo et aliis catallis precij decem marcarum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis sancti Michelis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Willelmus per breue de exigendo et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de morte predicta se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde de bono et malo ponit se super patriam. Ideo

veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbi eumque etc. Et interim predictus Willelmus remittitur prisone in custodia Ricardi de Imworth Marescalli etc.

Postea scilicet a die Pasche in xv dies anno regni regis nunc Anglie quinquagesimo primo coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Willelmus in custodia Marescalli. Et dicit quod dominus rex de gracia sua speciali pardonauit ei sectam pacis sue que ad ipsum pertinet pro omnimodis feloniis exceptis etc. per literas suas patentes quas profert hic in curia in hec verba. . . . [*There follows a general pardon, dated April 16th, 51 Edward III.*] Quarum preterito idem Willelmus petit ipsum a prisona domini regis deliberari etc. Et inspectis litteris domini regis predictis et plenius examinatis quia data carte predicte est infra tempus limitatum in statuto domini regis de sufficiente manucepeione de bono gestu inuenienda dictum est prefato Willelmo quod sufficientem manucepeionem inueniat etc. Et super hoc veniunt Iohannes de Feriby Albinus de Enderby Thomas de Pynchebek et Willelmus de Friskenaye et manucapiunt pro predicto Willelmo Emmotson' quod ipse se bene geret erga dominum regem et populum suum iuxta formam statuti predicti etc. Ideo consideratum est quod predictus Willelmus eat inde sine die etc. (*Marg: Sine die.*)

XXI

Trial in the King's Bench of John Smyth, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 83, no. 366, above); Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 63d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndeseyn [sic] extitit presentatum quod Iohannes Loksmyth nuper commorans in ballio Lincoln' die Lune proximo post festum sancte Margarete virginis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo apud Lincoln' vnum equum Gilberti de Beseby precij vnius marce felonice furatus fuit et abduxit. Et quod Iohannes Smyth de Glentham tunc constabularius parochie sancti Pauli in balliuu Lincoln' attachiauit dictum Iohannem Loksmyth pro felonia predicta videlicet die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Laurencii anno supradicto in balliuu predicta qui quidem Iohannes Smyth constabularius prefatum Iohannem Loksmyth die et anno predictis euadere permisit et cepit de eodem Iohanne Loksmyth quadraginta solidos pro euasione predicta. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit hic terminandum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatum Iohannem Smyth de Glentham si etc. Et modo scilicet die Iouis proximo post festum sancte Katerine virginis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud

Lincoln venit predictus Iohannes Smyth de Glentham per Marescallum ductus quia alias in custodia sua commissus fuit et allocutus est qualiter de feloniam predictam se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Iohannes Smyth de Glentham in nullo est culpabilis de feloniam predictam nec ea occasione se retraxit. Ideo ipse eat inde quietus etc. (*Marg: Quietus nec retraxit.*)

XXII

Trial in the King's Bench of John, son of William Cisseson (p. 86, no. 378, above), imprisoned on indictment before King's Bench; delivery of Lincoln gaol, Michaelmas, 1375 (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 36d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

. Iohannes filius Willelmi Cisseson captus per indictamentum factum coram domino rege hic isto eodem termino de eo quod ipse die Lune proximo ante festum natiuitatis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo septimo felonice furatus fuit vnam equam precij viginti solidorum in campis de Boselyngthorpe. Et quod idem Iohannes filius Willelmi Cisseson de Teuelby die Lune proximo post festum sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo septimo unum iumentum Hugonis Wright de Boselyngthorpe precij duarum marcarum ibidem felonice furatus fuit.¹ [*There follow particulars of other offenders, imprisoned on indictments before the King's Bench.*]

Modo veniunt coram domino rege hic per constabularium castrum predicti ducti qui committuntur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ducti veniunt et visis indictamentis predicti [*other names*] Iohannes filius Willelmi Cisseson allocuti sunt separatim qualiter de feloniam predictis vnde ipsi sic separatim indictati sunt se velint acquietare. Dicunt separatim quod ipsi in nullo sunt inde culpabiles et de hoc ponunt se super patriam. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicti [*other names*] Iohannes filius Willelmi Cisseson in nullo sunt culpabiles de feloniam predictis vnde ipsi sic separatim superius indictati sunt nec hiis occasionibus se retraxerunt. Ideo ipsi eant inde quieti etc.

¹The first offence was not presented before justices of the peace, the second was (no. 378, *ut supra*).

XXIII

Trial in the King's Bench of Simon de Braunston, imprisoned on indictments before the coroner for an offence of which he was also

indicted before justices of the peace (p. 86, no. 379, above) : delivery of Lincoln gaol, Michaelmas, 1375 (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 35d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Simon de Braunston' de Wythern' captus per indictamentum factum coram Roberto de Holm' coronatore domini regis in South-rithyng' de eo quod ipse die Sabati proximo ante festum annunciationis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo apud Ludam interfecit Agnetam uxorem Iohannis Clerk de Ludam. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Modo venit coram domino rege hic per constabularium castri Lincoln' ductus qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de felonia predicta se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse alias pro felonia predicta videlicet predicto die Sabati fugit ad ecclesiam de Louthe pro tuicione habenda et quod ipse eodem die vi captus fuit extra ecclesiam predictam per Willelmum Sparwe et alios de villata predicta et hoc petit quod inquiratur per patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Simon de Braunston' vi captus fuit extra ecclesiam predictam per prefatum Willelmum Sparwe et alios de eadem villata et contra voluntatem suam prout idem Simon superius allegauit. Ideo idem Simon liberatur vicecomiti ad ipsum in ecclesiam predictam ponendum et restituendum in statu quo prius in eadem ecclesia extiterat etc.

XXIV

Trial in the King's Bench of John Baker, arrested on suspicion and indicted before justices of the peace (p. 90, no. 406, above) : Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 35).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iohannes Bakere de Okham captus per Willelmum atte Stane et Alanum Clerk constabularios villate de Langeton iuxta Horn-castre pro suspicione latrocinii et eum manuopere septem velaminum veterum et vnus towaile precij omnium xx d. que idem Iohannes ab ecclesia de Langeton' iuxta Horn-castre furtiue furatus fuit vnde coram custodibus pacis in partibus de Lyndeseye indictatus est de eo quod ipse die Martis in quarta septimana quadragesime anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono septem velamina vetera et vnum towaile precij xx d. extra ecclesiam de Thornton' iuxta Horn-castre felonice cepit et asportauit. Quodquidem indictamentum dominus rex isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit hic terminandum. Modo venit coram domino rege hic per constabularium castri Lincoln' ductus qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter

de feloniam predictam se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Iohannes Bakere culpabilis est de furacione velaminum et towaile predictorum ad valenciam decem denariorum. Et quia testatum est hic in curia quod predictus Iohannes Bakere detentus fuit in prisona castri predicti pro feloniam predictam per quod videtur curie quod idem Iohannes satis pene sustinuit in eodem prisona occasione predicta ideo dictum est Marescallo quod deliberet eum etc. (*Marg: Sine die.*)

XXV

Trial in the King's Bench of John Glover, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 92, no. 412, above): Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 42).

Marg: LINCOLN

[*The entry begins with an indictment of John Clerk in the sheriff's tourn.*] Alias coram Roberto de Wilughby et sociis suis nuper custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndeseye extitit presentatum quod Iohannes Glouere de Bardenay die Iouis proximo post festum apostolorum Philippi et Iacobi anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono felonice furatus fuit vnam peluem eneam precij trium denariorum de Rogero Wright de Wrauby et vnum lauatorium eneam Reginaldi Curteys. Que quidem indictamenta dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo hic venire fecit terminanda. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eos si etc. Et modo coram domino rege hic veniunt predicti Iohannes Clerk et Iohannes Glouere et reddiderunt se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasionibus predictis qui committuntur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ducti veniunt et allocuti sunt separatim qualiter de feloniam predictis se velint acquietare. Dicunt separatim quod ipsi in nullo sunt inde culpabiles et de hoc ponunt se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicti Iohannes Clerk et Iohannes Glouere in nullo sunt inde culpabiles nec hiis occasionibus se retraxerunt. Ideo ipsi eant inde quieti etc. (*Marg: Quietus quietus nec retraxerunt.*)

XXVI

Indictment and trial in the King's Bench of Robert Mauncelot (p. 96, no. 434; p. 97, no. 438, above): Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 14).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentauerunt

quod Robertus Mauncelot de Waynflet die Iouis proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie anno regni nunc Anglie xlix^o per diuersas vices fecit cariare a Saltflethauene et Waynflet versus partes transmarinas et versus partes Scotie centum quarteria frumenti precij quarterii viij s. in nauis sua propria precij nauis viginti librarum sine licencia domini regis et ad sustentacionem et auxilium inimicorum domini regis. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum si etc. et saluo etc. Et modo scilicet die Veneris proximo post tres septimanas sancti Michelis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Robertus Mauncelot et reddidit se Marescallo domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescalcie. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit. Et allocutus est qualiter de premissis sibi impositis se velit acquietare qui dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege apud Lincoln' die Lune proximo post octabas sancti Martini. Et predictus Robertus Mauncelot interim committitur Marescallo etc.

Postea scilicet die Lune proximo post octabas sancti Martini tunc proxime sequentes coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Robertus Mauncelot per Marescallum ductus et petit ipsum admitti ad finem cum domino rege in hac parte faciendam et admittitur prout patet per rotulum finium de isto eodem termino. Ideo ipse eat inde sine die etc. (*Marg*: Finem fecit. Sine die.)

XXVII

Trial in the King's Bench of Geoffrey Webster, imprisoned on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 102, no. 457, above) : delivery of Lincoln gaol, Michaelmas, 1375 (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 33).

Marg: LINCOLN

Galfridus Webster de Brabannia alio nomine vocatus Godfridus Braban captus per indictamentum factum coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndesey de eo quod ipse die Dominica proxima post festum decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo felonice interfecit Reginaldum Webster apud Lymbergh Magna. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Modo venit coram domino rege hic per constabularium castri Lincoln' ductus qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de feloniam predicta se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde de bono et malo ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod accidit predictis die et anno in predicta villa de Lymbergh quod predicti Galfridus et Reginaldus ludentes

erant pariter ad pilam vocatam tenes et in ludendo verbis contumeliosis inter eos ex parte prefati Reginaldi motis idem Reginaldus extraxit quendam cultellum suum vocatum baselard et exinde percussisse voluit prefatum Galfridum et ipsum prosequutus fuit eum cultello predicto sic extracto vsque in quoddam cornarium inter duos muros tereos in eadem villa et ipsum ibidem inangulauit continue ad ipsum eum cultello predicto pereuciendo ad ipsum interficiendum si potuisset dictusque Galfridus percipiens se sic fore inangulatum et nullicubi diffugisse nec mortem suam propriam euasisse potuisse nisi se defendisse in saluacionem et defencionem vite sue extraxit quendam cultellum suum vocatum quetil et exinde percussit prefatum Reginaldum in ventre vnde obiit. Quesiti iidem iuratores si ex malicia aut feloniam precogitata predictus Galfridus interfecit prefatum Reginaldum necne qui dicunt quod non set se defendendo vt predictum est et dicunt precise quod nisi idem Galfridus sic se defendisset mortem suam propriam aliter non euasisset. Et dicunt quod predictus Galfridus Webster et Godfridus Braban est vna et eadem persona. Ideo idem Galfridus remittitur prisone in custodia Marescalli ad graciam domini regis expectandam. Catala eius nulla etc.

Postea scilicet a die Pasche in xv dies anno regni regis nunc Anglie quinquagesimo coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Galfridus in custodia Marescalli. Et dicit quod dominus rex pardonauit ei feloniam predictam per literas suas patentes quas profert hic in curia in hec verba. Edwardus dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus balliuis et fidelibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem. Quia accepimus per recordum dilectorum et fidelium nostrorum Iohannis Cauendisse et sociorum suorum iusticiariorum nostrorum ad placita coram nobis tenendis assignatorum quod Galfridus Webster de Brabannia alio nomine vocatus Godfridus Braban captus fuit et detentus in prisona Marescalcie nostre coram nobis pro morte Reginaldi Webster vnde rectatus est interfecit ipsum Reginaldum Webster se defendendo ita quod mortem propriam aliter euadere non potuit et non per feloniam aut maliciam precogitamam. Nos pietate moti pardonauimus eidem Galfrido sectam pacis nostre que ad nos pertinet pro morte predicta et firmam pacem nostram ei inde concedimus ita tamen quod stet recto in curia nostra si quis versus eum loqui voluerit de morte predicta. In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vj die Decembris anno regni nostri Anglie quadagesimo nono regni vero nostri Francie tricesimo sexto.

Pretextu quarum literarum predictus Galfridus petit ipsum a prisone predicta deliberari etc. Et inspectis literis domini regis predictis et plenius examinatis consideratum est quod predictus Galfridus eat inde sine die etc. (*Marg.* Carta. Sine die.)

XXVIII

Trial in the King's Bench of William West, imprisoned on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 105, no. 470, above): delivery of Lincoln gaol, Michaelmas, 1375 (K.B. 27,459, Rex m. 36d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Willelmus West de Humberstone captus per indictamentum factum coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis in partibus de Lyndesey de eo quod ipse die Iouis proximo post festum Pentecostes anno regni regis nunc Anglie tricesimo nono felonice quendam equum de Petro de Cotun de Scarthowe in Scarthowe furatus fuit et illum equum abduxit contra pacem domini regis precij predicti equi xx s. Modo venit coram domino rege hic per Marescallum ductus quia alias in custodia sua commissus fuit et allocutus est qualiter de felonia predicta se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Willelmus West in nullo est inde culpabilis nec ea occasione se retraxit. Ideo ipse eat inde quietus etc. (*Marg:* Quietus nec retraxit.)

XXIX

Proceedings in connection with the murder of Sir William de Cantilupe (p. 79, no. 344; p. 81, no. 358; p. 82, no. 362; p. 83, no. 369; p. 85, no. 377; p. 93, no. 418; p. 101, no. 452, above).

(i) *Trial in the King's Bench of Richard Gyse and Robert Coke, imprisoned on an appeal in county court and indictment before King's Bench for the murder of Sir William de Cantilupe: delivery of Lincoln gaol, Michaelmas, 1375 (K.B. 27,459, Rex m. 39).*

Marg: LINCOLN

Ricardus Gyse de Scotton et Robertus Cook boteler seruietes domini Willelmi de Cantilupo chivaler capti per appellum factum in pleno comitatu Lincoln tento ibidem die Lune in crastino natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadagesimo nono ad sectam Matillis que fuit vxor predicti Willelmi de Cantilupo coram Thoma de Kydale tunc vicecomite Lincoln Willelmo de Kirketon Ricardo Groos Roberto de Holm Willelmo Haxay et Willelmo de Wyhum coronatoribus domini regis comitatus predicti de eo quod ijdem Ricardus Gyse et Robertus Cook simul cum Iohanne de Barnaby chaumberlayn et Willelmo de Hayle seruientibus ipsius Willelmi de Cantilupo die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Ambrosii anno supradicto apud Scotton predictum Willelmum de Cantilupo virum predictae Matillis felonice interfecerunt. Et vnde predicta Matillis coram prefatis vicecomite et coronatoribus in comitatu predicto inuenit plegios de appello predicto prosequendo videlicet Robertum Constable et Ricardum

Neuill. Quod quidem appellum dominus rex inter alia certis de causis coram eo venire fecit hic terminandum.

Ac etiam predicti Ricardus Gyse et Robertus Cook indietati sunt coram domino rege hic isto eodem termino de eo quod vbi Willelmus de Cantilupo ehualer fuit in pace dei et domini regis nunc apud Scotton' in camera sua eundo ad lectum suum die Mercurii proximo ante festum Dominice in Ramis Palmarum anno quadragesimo nono supradicto ibi venerunt predicti Ricardus Gyse et Robertus Cook seruientes ipsius Willelmi de Cantilupo felonice ut felones et sedicione precogitata prefatum Willelmum de Cantilupo ibidem supra lectum suum sedentem interfecerunt dando ei diuersas plagas mortales et ne per sanguinis vulnerum suorum effusionem scandalizarentur vulnera ipsius Willelmi cum aqua cocta excoquerunt et corpus ipsius Willelmi nudum in quodam sacco posuerunt et vsque Giryngham super quendam equum cariare [sic] fecerunt et ibidem in campo proiecerunt et corpus predictum ibidem vestibus honestis et calcaribus ac zona eius precincta de nouo arraiauerunt ita quod homines ibidem transeuntes suspesionem de ignotis hominibus et non de eis haberent et sic false et sediciose dominum suum interfecerunt et murdrarunt.

Modo veniunt coram domino rege hic per constabularium castri predicti ducti. Et prefata Matillis per prefatum constabularium que in custodia sua pro quibusdam indictamentis super ipsam de morte predicta factis commissa fuit similiter ducta venit et quesitum est a prefata Matille si ipsa appellum suum predictum versus prefatos Ricardum Gyse et Robertum Cook prosequi velit necne que dicit quod non set se retraxit ab appello predicto. Ideo predicti Ricardus Gyse et Robertus Cook quo ad sectam ipsius Matillis eant inde sine die etc. set quo ad sectam domini regis tam ad appellum illud quam ad indictamentum predictum allocuti sunt separatim qualiter de felonia et sedicione predictis se velit [sic] acquietare. Dicunt separatim quod ipsi in nullo sunt inde culpabiles et inde de bono et malo ponunt se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicti Ricardus Gyse et Robertus Cook boteler seruientes predicti Willelmi de Cantilupo culpabiles sunt de felonia et sedicione predictis. Ideo ipsi distrahantur et suspendantur. Catalla predicti Roberti Cook xl s. vnde villata de Scotton' respondebit. Et habuit vnam acram terre in Northtoft que valet per annum sex denarios vnde escetor domini regis in comitatu predicto oneratur. Et predictus Ricardus Gyse nulla habuit bona seu catalla terre neque tenementa etc. (*Marg:* Distrahitur distrahitur suspendetur suspendetur. Catalla forisfactorum (xl s.^c) terra et tenementa (vj d.^c.)

Postea scilicet in crastino purificationis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc Anglie quinquagesimo primo coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predicta Matillis que fuit vxor

Willelmi de Cantilupo in propria persona sua et fecit finem cum domino rege occasione predicta prout patet per rotulos finium de termino sancti Hillarii anno quinquagesimo primo supradicto. Ideo ipsa eat inde sine die. (*Marg: Finem fecit. Sine die.*)

(ii) (a) *Trial in the King's Bench of Maud de Cantilupe, on indictment before justices of the peace for the murder of her husband (p. 82, no. 362, above): Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 39).*

Marg: LINCOLN

Matillis que fuit vxor Willelmi de Cantilupe chiualer capta per indictamentum factum coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndeseye de eo quod ipsa simul cum aliis die Veneris proximo ante medium quadragesime anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' felonice interfecit dominum Willelmum de Cantilupo dominum suum. Quod quidem indietamentum dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit terminandum.

Ac eciam predicta Matillis indictata est coram domino rege hic isto eodem termino de eo quod ipsa et alii seruientes ipsius Willelmi die Veneris proximo ante primam Dominicam quadragesime anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' felonice interfecerunt predictum Willelmum de Cantilupo chiualer. Et modo coram domino rege hic venit predicta Matillis per constabularium castri predicti ducta que committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ducta venit et allocuta est qualiter de feloniam et sedicione predictis se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipsa in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde de bono et malo ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicta Matillis non est culpabilis de feloniam et sedicione predictis modo sibi impositis nec ea occasione se retraxit. Ideo ipsa eat inde quietata etc. (*Marg: Quieta nec retraxit.*)

(b) *Trial in the King's Bench of Maud de Cantilupe on indictments before justices of the peace and King's Bench as accessory to the murder of her husband (p. 79, no. 344; p. 81, no. 358; p. 85, no. 377, above): Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 39).*

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentant quod Ricardus Gyse armiger Robertus Cook Henricus Taskare seruientes Willelmi de Cantilupo chiualer die Martis proximo ante festum Carni-priuij anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono felonice interfecerunt Willelmum de Cantilupo chiualer apud Skotton' noctanter in camera sua propria. Et Matillis quondam vxor

predicti Willelmi de Cantilupo fuit ibidem concenciens abbettans et auxilians ad feloniam illam faciendam.

Et quod vbi Ricardus Gyse seruiens Willelmi de Cantilupo chiualer die Lune proximo post festum sancti Gregorij pape anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' felonice interfecit predictum Willelmum dominum suum Matillis vxor predicti Willelmi de Cantilupo fuit ibidem presens auxilians et concenciens ad feloniam predictam faciendam.

Et quod Robertus Cook Henrieus Tasker et Ricardus Gyse die Martis proximo ante festum Carnipriuij anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono felonice interfecerunt Willelmum de Cantilupo chiualer apud Skotton' noctanter in camera sua propria. Et Matillis quondam vxor predicti Willelmi de Cantilupo fuit ibidem concenciens abbettans et auxilians ad feloniam illam faciendam.

Et quod vbi Willelmus de Cantilupo chiualer fuit in pace dei et domini regis nunc apud Scotton' in camera sua eundo ad lectum suum die Mercurii proximo ante festum Dominice in Ramis Palmarum anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono ibi venerunt quidem Robertus Cook de Scotton' Ricardus Gyse de eadem Iohannes Barneby de Bekyngham' seruientes ipsius Willelmi ex assensu procuracione et abbetto Matillis vxoris ipsius Willelmi et Agathe ancille eiusdem felonice vt felones et sedicione precoitata prefatum Willelmum de Cantilupo ibidem super lectum suum sedentem interfecerunt dando ei diuersas plagas mortales et ne per sanguinis vulnerum suorum effusionem scandalizarentur vulnera ipsius Willelmi cum aqua cocta excoquerunt et corpus ipsius Willelmi nudum in quodam sacco posuerunt et vsque Giryngham super quendam equum cariare fecerunt et ibidem in campo proiecerunt et corpus predictum ibidem vestibus honestis et calcaribus ac zona eius precincta de nouo arraiauerunt ita quod homines ibidem transeuntes suspesionem de ignotis hominibus et non de eis habuerunt et sic false et sediciose dominum suum interfecerunt et murdrauerunt.

Et quod Ricardus Gyse de Scotton' Robertus Cook et Augustinus Forster de Scotton' seruientes nuper domini Willelmi de Caunteloue chiualer die Martis proximo post primam Dominicam quadragesime anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' felonice interfecerunt predictum Willelmum Caunteloue. Et quod Matillis que fuit vxor eiusdem Willelmi et Agatha seruiens eiusdem fuerunt auxiliantes et concenciens ad predictam feloniam faciendam.

Et quod Augustinus Morpath' de Scotton' et Ricardus Gyse seruientes Willelmi de Cantilupo chiualer die Lune proximo post festum sancti Gregorij pape anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' felonice interfecerunt dominum Willelmum de Cantilupo dominum suum. Et dicunt quod Matillis de Cantilupo vxor predicti Willelmi de Cantilupo Agatha Frere

ancilla dicte Matillis et Robertus Cook botiller de Scotton' fuerunt ibidem presentes auxiliantes et consentientes ad feloniam predictam faciendam. Et quod predicta Matillis procurauit dictos Augustinum Morpath et Ricardum Gyse ad dictam feloniam faciendam etc.

Et quod Ricardus Gyse Robertus Cook et Augustinus Warner seruientes Willelmi Caunteloue chiualer die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Gregorij pape anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' noctanter felonice interfecerunt predictum Willelmum Caunteloue tunc dominum illorum. Et quod Matillis que fuit vxor predicti Willelmi Caunteloue et Agatha seruiens dicte Matillis fuerunt auxiliantes et abettantes ad feloniam predictam faciendam.

Et quod Ricardus Gyse Robertus Cook Iohannes Barneby chaumberleyn Iohannes Astyn et Agatha ancilla Willelmi Caunteloue chiualer die Iouis proximo ante Dominicam in passione domini anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' felonice interfecerunt dictum Willelmum Caunteloue chiualer tunc dominum illorum existentem. Et quod Matillis que fuit vxor ipsius Willelmi fuit auxilians et abettans ad feloniam predictam sic faciendam.

Et quod Ricardus Gyse Augustinus de Morpath' et Robertus Coke die Sabbati proximo post festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' felonice interfecerunt Willelmum de Cantelupo chiualer tunc dominum et magistrum illorum existentem. Et quod Matillis que fuit vxor dicti Willelmi et Agatha ancilla eiusdem Matillis fuerunt consentientes et abettantes ad predictam feloniam faciendam.

Ac eciam coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndesey extitit presentatum quod Augustinus de Morpath' Iohannes de Barnby chaumberleyn Willelmus Chaumberleynman Ricardus Gyse Robertus Cook Iohannes Henxteman et Agatha nuper seruiens Ricardi de Byngham chiualer seruientes domini Willelmi de Cantilupo chiualer die Veneris proximo ante festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' predictum Willelmum de Cantilupo dominum suum sediciose in camera sua noctanter interfecerunt. Et quod Matillis vxor predicti Willelmi die et anno predictis fuit consentiens et abettans ad mortem predictam.

Et quod Ricardus Gyse Augustinus de Morpath' Walterus Chaumberleyn Willelmus de Hole Robertus Cook (suspendatur^l) de Scotton' Agatha ancilla Matillis de Cantilupo seruientes domini Willelmi de Cantilupo militis die Veneris proximo ante festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' predictum Willelmum de Cantilupo dominum suum felonice et tradiciose interfecerunt.

Et quod Augustinus de Morpath' Ricardus Gyse de Scotton'

Robertus Coke de eadem et Iohannes Chamberleyn felonice interfecerunt dominum Willelmum de Cantilupo militem die Veneris proximo post festum annunciacionis beate Marie apud Scotton'. Et quod Matillis vxor predicti domini Willelmi et Agatha seruientis predictae Matillis fuerunt procurantes auxiliantes et consentientes ad mortem predicti domini Willelmi anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono.

Et quod Ricardus Gyse et Robertus Cook seruientes domini Willelmi de Cantilupo chiualer die Veneris proximo ante festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' predictum Willelmum de Cantilupo dominum suum sediciose in camera sua noctanter interfecerunt.

Que quidem indictamenta dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit hic terminanda. Et modo scilicet die Lune proximo post crastinum Animarum isto eodem termino coram domino rege hic venit predicta Matillis per constabularium castris predicti ducta que committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ducta venit. Et quia predicti Ricardus Gyse et Robertus de principali facto felonie et sedicionis predictarum conuicti sunt prout patet inferius in isto eodem rotulo predicta Matillis instanter allocuta est qualiter de concensu abbetto auxilio presencia procuracione predictorum Ricardi Gyse et Roberti Cook ad feloniam et sedicionem predictas faciendas se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipsa in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde de bono et malo ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicta Matillis non est culpabilis de concensu abbetto auxilio presencia procuracione predictorum Ricardi Gyse et Roberti Cook de feloniam et sedicionem predictas faciendo prout superius indictata est nec ea occasione se retraxit. Ideo ipsa quo ad hec consensum abbettum auxilium presenciam procuracionem predictorum Ricardi Gyse et Roberti Cook eat inde sine die. (*Marg: Sine die.*)

Set quia predicti Henricus Taskere Iohannes Barneby de Bekyngham Augustinus Forester Augustinus Morpath' Augustinus Warner Iohannes Barneby [Willelmus] Chamberleyn Iohannes Astyn et Agatha de principali facto felonie et sedicionis predictarum superius indictati nondum vtlagantur nec alio modo conuincuntur predicta Matillis dimittitur per manucapcionem Willelmi Hawleye chiualer Thome Kydale chiualer Iohannis Boys Willelmi de Spayne Oliueri de Barton' et Gerardi Sedhill' qui manucapiunt pro predicta Matille habendi corpus eius coram domini rege in octabas sancti Michelis coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium vbicumque etc. (*Marg: Manucapcio.*)

Ad quas octabas sancti Michelis coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predicta Matillis per manucapcionem predictam. Et quia predicti Henricus Taskere Iohannes Barneby

de Bekyngham Augustinus Forester Augustinus Morpath' Augustinus Warner Iohannes Barneby Iohannes Austyn Willelmus Chamberleyman et Iohannes Henxteman de principali facto felonie et sedicionis predictarum superius indictati iam vtlagati sunt prout patet per breuia regis de termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quinquagesimo et predicta Agatha de principali facto felonie et sedicionis predictarum superius similiter indictata iam wayuiata est prout patet per breuia suprascripta predicta Matillis instanter allocuta est qualiter de concensu presencia auxilio assensu et procuracione predictorum Henrici Taskere Iohannis Barneby Augustini Forester Augustini Morpath' Augustini Warner Iohannis Barneby Iohannis Austyn Willelmi Chamberleyman Iohannis Henxteman et Agathe se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipsa in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde de bono et malo ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in crastino purificationis beate Marie vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et super hoc veniunt Iohannes de Rocheford Gerardus Braybrok chiualer Willelmus Bernak chiualer Robertus de Braybrok clericus Iohannes Auncell' chiualer Thomas Kydale chiualer Iohannes Dymmok chiualer et Iohannes Clifford clericus et manucapiunt predictam Matillem de habendo corpus eius coram domino rege ad prefatum terminum etc. videlicet corpora pro corpore etc. (*Marg: Manucapcio.*)

Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predicta Matillis per manucapcionem predictam et visis et diligenter examinatis indictamentis predictis pro eo quod predicta Matillis alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono de principali facto mortis predictae coram domino rege apud Lincoln' acquietata fuit prout patet rotulo xxxix inter placita corone de termino Michelis suprascripto sic quod per legem terre de accessoriis predictis arenari non potest ideo predicta Matillis quo ad indictamentum de accessoriis predictis eat inde sine die. (*Marg: Sine die.*)

(iii) (a) *Indictments and trial in the King's Bench of Robert de Cletham, for the murder of Sir William de Cantilupe: Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 58).*

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentant quod Robertus de Cletham de Scotton' et alii die Veneris proximo ante primam Dominicam quadragesime anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' felonice interfecerunt Willelmum de Canteloue de Scotton' chiualer. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatum Robertum si etc. Et modo scilicet die Mercurii proximo post crastinum Animarum isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Robertus et

reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de feloniam predicta se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde de bono et malo ponit se super patriam. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Robertus in nullo est culpabilis de feloniam predicta nec ea occasione se retraxit. Ideo ipse eat inde quietus etc. (*Marg: Quietus nec retraxit.*)

(b) *Indictments and trial in the King's Bench of Robert de Cletham as accessory to the murder of Sir William de Cantilupe; Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 58).*

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores wappentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentant quod Ricardus Gyse Robertus Cook et Augustinus Warner seruiantes Willelmi Caunteloue chiualer die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Gregorij pape anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' noctanter felonice interfecerunt predictum Willelmum Canteloue tunc dominum illorum. Et quod Robertus de Cletham de Scotton' fuit auxilians et abbettans ad feloniam predictam faciendam.

Et quod Ricardus Gyse Robertus Cook Iohannes Barneby [Willelmus] Chamberleyn Iohannes Astyn et Agatha ancilla Willelmi Caunteloue chiualer die Iouis proximo ante Dominicam in passione domini anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' felonice interfecerunt dictum Willelmum Caunteloue chiualer tunc dominum illorum existentem. Et quod Robertus de Cletham tunc senescallus ipsius Willelmi Caunteloue fuit auxilians et abbettans ad feloniam predictam sic faciendam.

Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatum Robertum de Cletham si etc. Et modo scilicet die Mercurii proximo post crastinum Animarum isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Robertus de Cletham et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit. Et quia predicti Ricardus Gyse et Robertus Cook de principali facto felonie predictae superius indictati conuicti sunt prout patet rotulo xxxix^o inter placita regis de isto eodem termino predictus Robertus de Cletham instantanter allocutus est qualiter de auxilio et abbetto predictorum Ricardi et Roberti Cook ad feloniam predictam faciendam se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde de bono et malo ponit se super patriam. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Robertus de Cletham non est culpabilis de auxilio et abbetto predictorum Ricardi et Roberti Cook ad feloniam predictam faciendam

nec ea occasione se retraxit. Ideo predictus Robertus de Cletham quo ad hoc eat inde quietus. (*Marg: Quietus nec retraxit.*)

Set quia predicti Augustinus Warner Iohannes Barneby Iohannes Astyn et Agatha de principali facto felonie predictae superius indictati nondum vtlagantur nec aliquo modo conuincuntur predictus Robertus de Cletham dimittitur per manucapcionem Willelmi Hawley chiualer Thome Kydale chiualer Iohannis Boys Willelmi de Spayne Oliueri de Barton' et Gerardi Sodhill' qui manucapiunt pro predicto Roberto de Cletham habendi corpus eius coram domino rege in octabis sancti Michelis vbicumque etc. (*Marg: Manucapcio.*)

Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Robertus de Cletham per manucapcionem predictam. Et quia predicti Augustinus Warner Iohannes Barneby et Iohannes Astyn de principali facto felonie et sedicionis predictarum superius indictati iam vtlagati sunt prout patet per breuia regis termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quinquagesimo et predicta Agatha similiter de principali facto felonie et sedicionis predictarum indictata iam wayuiata est prout patet per breuia supradicta predictus Robertus de Cletham instanter allocutus est qualiter de auxilio et abetto predictorum Augustini Warner Iohannis Barneby Iohannis Astyn et Agatha se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde de bono et malo ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in crastino purificationis beate Marie vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et super hoc veniunt Iohannes de Rocheford chiualer Gerardus Braybrok chiualer Willelmus Bernak chiualer Robertus de Braybrok clericus Iohannes Auncell' chiualer et Iohannes Clifford clericus et manucapiunt pro predicto Roberto de Cletham habendi corpus eius coram domino rege ad prefatum terminum etc.

Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Robertus per manucapcionem predictam et visis et diligenter examinatis indictamentis predictis pro eo quod predictus Robertus alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono de principali facto mortis predictae coram domino rege apud Lincoln' acquietatus fuit prout patet rotulo [*blank space*] inter placita regis de termino Michelis supradicto sic per legem terre de accessoriis predictis arenari non potest ideo predictus Robertus quo ad indictamenta de accessoriis predictis eat inde sine die. (*Marg: Sine die.*)

(iv) *Indictments and trial in the King's Bench of Sir Ralph Paynel as accessory to the murder of Sir William de Cantilupe; Michaelmas. 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27,459, Rex m. 58).*

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentant quod

Augustinus Morpath' de Scotton' et Ricardus seruientes Willelmi de Cantilupo chiualer die Lune proximo post festum sancti Gregorij pape anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' felonice interfecerunt dictum Willelmum de Cantilupo dominum suum. Et dicunt quod Matillis de Cantilupo vxor predicti Willelmi de Cantilupo Agatha Frere ancilla dicte Matillis et Robertus Cook botiller de Scotton' fuerunt ibidem auxiliantes presentes et consensientes ad feloniam predictam faciendam. Et predicta Matillis procurauit dictos Augustinum Morpath' et Ricardum Gyse ad dictam feloniam faciendam etc. Et dicunt quod Radulfus Paynel chiualer recepit dictos Matillem vxorem dicti Willelmi de Cantilupo Agatham Frere ancillam dicti Matillis et Ricardum Gyse apud Caysthorpe post feloniam predictam factam sciente de felonia predicta.

Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatum Radulfum Paynel si etc. Et modo scilicet die Lune proximo post crastinum Animarum isto eodem termino coram domino rege hic venit predictus Radulfus Paynel et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et quia predicta Matillis et Agatha nondum wayuiantur nec aliquo modo conuincuntur ideo idem Radulfus dimittitur per manucapcionem Willelmi Haweley chiualer Thome Kydale chiualer Iohannis Boys Willelmi de Spayne Oliueri de Barton' et Gerardi Sodhill' qui manucapiunt pro predicto Radulfo habendi corpus eius coram domino rege in octabis sancti Michelis vbicumque etc. (*Marg: Manucapcio.*)

Ad quas octabas sancti Michelis coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Radulfus Paynel per manucapcionem predictam. Et quia predictus Robertus Gyse et Agatha de feloniis predictis iam conuicti sunt predictus Radulfus instanter allocutus est qualiter de receptamento predictorum Roberti et Agathe se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in crastino purificationis beate Marie vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et interim predictus Radulfus dimittitur per manucapcionem quam prius etc. (*Marg: Manucapcio.*)

Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Radulfus per manucapcionem predictam. Et vicecomes retornat nomina iuratorum quorum nullus etc. Ideo iurata predicta posita fuit in respectum coram domino rege virtute breuis domini regis iusticiariis hic directi de iurata predicta per breue de Nisi prius capienda vsque a die Pasche in xv dies vbicumque [*The writ of Nisi Prius follows.*] Ad quam quidem quindenam Pasche coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Radulfus Paynel per manucapcionem predictam. Et predictus Thomas coram quo etc. misit recordum veredicti iurate

predicte coram eo habite in hec verba. Postea die et loco infracontentis coram prefato Thoma de Ingelby associato sibi Thoma Claymond per formam statuti etc. venit predictus Radulfus Paynell chiualer per manucepcionem suam predictam. Et proclamatione inde facta si quis pro domino rege in hac parte prosequi aut informare voluerit et nullus venit etc. Et iuratores super premissis electi triati et iurati similiter veniunt qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Radulfus Paynell chiualer in nullo est culpabilis de receptamento infracontento nec unquam se inde retraxit. Ideo consideratum est quod predictus Radulfus eat inde quietus etc. (*Marg: Quietus nec retraxit.*)

(v) (a) *Indictment and trial in the King's Bench of Thomas de Thornhagh, bailiff of Lincoln, for the escape of Agnes Lovell, appealed and indicted for the murder of Sir William de Cantilupe; Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 40).*

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentant quod Agatha Louell quondam ancilla domine Matillis de Cantilupo appellata fuit apud Lincoln' coram Thome de Kydale tunc vicecomite Lincoln' et Willelmo Haxay coronatore domini regis in partibus de Kesteuen' in comitatu predicto de morte Willelmi de Cantilupo chiualer quondam viri ipsius Matillis et domini ipsius Agatha apud Scotton' in Lyndesey in comitatu predicto circa medium quadragesime anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono felonice interfecti et de morte predicta notorie fuit suspecta et fuit in priona Lincoln' in custodia Thome de Thornhagh nuper balliui Lincoln' et per idem [sic] balliuum die Lune proximo post festum assumptionis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono sine processu legis et iudicio a priona predicta deliberata et abire permissa. [*There follows another indictment of Thomas de Thornhagh for escape.*]

Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum si etc. Et modo coram domino rege hic venit predictus Thomas de Thornhagh et reddidit se prione Marescalcie domini regis occasionibus predictis qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de felonis predictis se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Thomas de Thornhagh in nullo est culpabilis de felonis predictis nec hiis occasionibus se retraxit set dicunt quod predicta Agatha postquam arettata fuit de felonia fuit in custodia prefati Thome de Thornhagh et a custodia predicta ob defectum et per negligenciam ipsius Thome euasit. Ideo idem

Thomas de Thornhagh quo ad felonias predictas super ipsum presentatas eat inde quietus set quo ad euasionem predictam idem Thomas de centum solidis erga dominum regem oneratur etc. (*Marg.*: Quietus nec retraxit. Euasio (c.s.º).)

(b) *Indictment and trial in the King's Bench of John Bate, bailiff of Lincoln, for the escape of Agnes Lovell: Michaelmas, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/463, Rex m. 9d.).*

Marg.: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentant quod [Thomas de Thornhagh and John Bate are indicted for various escapes.] Item quod Augustinus Morpath' seruiens domini Willelmi de Cantilupo die Veneris cero anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono apud Scotton' dominum Willelmum de Cantilupo in camera dicti Willelmi felonice interfecit. Et Agatha seruiens dicti domini de Cantilupo fuit abbetans [et] concensius morti domini sui que quedam Agatha fuit in custodia balliuorum Lincoln' videlicet Iohannis Bate et Thome de Thornhagh pro morte predicta qui quidem balliui propter excerssiuam [sic] mercedem videlicet decem librarum ipsam a prisona illa euadere permiserunt apud Lincoln' die Lune proxima post festum natiuitatis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono.

Et quod Agatha dicta Louell quondam ancilla domine Matillis de Cantilupo appellata fuit apud Lincoln' coram Thoma de Kydale tunc vicecomite Lincoln' et Willelmo Haxay coronatore domini regis in partibus de Kesteuen' in comitatu predicto de morte Willelmi de Cantilupo chiualer quondam viri ipsius Matillis et domini ipsius Agathe apud Scotton' in Lyndesey in comitatu predicto circa medium quadragesime anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono felonice interfecti et de morte predicta notorie fuit suspecta et fuit in prisona Lincoln' in custodia Thome de Thornhagh et Iohannis Bate nuper balliuorum Lincoln' et per eosdem balliuos die Lune proximo post festum assumptionis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono sine processu legis et iudicio a prisona predicta deliberata et abire permissa [Another indictment for escape.]

Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatum Iohannem Bate si etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis sancti Michelis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Iohannes Bate et reddidit se prisona Marescalcie domini regis occasionibus predictis qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de feloniis predictis se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo

est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et super hoc veniunt Iohannes Hodelston de Lincoln' Iohannes Derfeld de eadem Robertus de Carlton' de eadem et Iohannes de Feryby et manucapiunt predictum Iohannem Bate habendi corpus eius coram domino rege ad prefatum terminum etc. Et sciendum quod predictus Iohannes Bate indictatus est de diuersis transgressionibus coram custodibus pacis etc.

Postea scilicet a die Pache in tres septimanas anno regni regis Ricardi secundi secundo coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Iohannes Bate per manucapcionem predictam etc. Et dicit quod dominus Edwardus nuper rex Anglie auus domini regis nunc de gracia sua speciali pardonauit ei sectam pacis sue que ad ipsum pertinet pro omnimodis felonis exceptis etc. per literas suas patentes quas profert hic in curia cuius data est apud Westmonasterium tercio die Iunii anno regni sui Anglie quinquagesimo primo regni vero sui Francie tricesimo octauo. Profert eciam quoddam breue domini regis clausum iusticiariis hic directum de non molestando prefatum Iohannem contra tenorem literarum domini regis predictarum cuius data est apud Westmonasterium viij die Iulij anno regni regis Ricardi secundi secundo. Quarum pretextu idem Iohannes Bate petit ipsum a prisona domini regis deliberari etc. Et inspectis literis domini regis predictis consideratum est quod predictus Iohannes Bate eat inde sine die etc. (*Marg:* Sine die.)

ROLL K

(Ancient Indictments, K.B. 9/57)

KESTEVEN

[*m. 1*]

Inquisicio capta apud Corby die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Marci ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi tercij a conquestu x^{lmo} v^{to} coram iusticiariis domini regis de pace per sacramentum Iohannis Lorde Willelmi atte Grene Thome Rylyng' Rogeri Marschall' Willelmi Coupar Ade in ye lane Thome atte Grene Nicholai Stewenot Roberti de Marton' Willelmi Wrycht Iohannis de Tempul Walteri Houtlaw qui dicunt quod nichil sciunt dicere.

[*m. 2*]

1. Iusticiariis domini regis ad custodiendum pacem in partibus de Kesteven Walterus capellanus parochie de Berughby et Iohannes Sire de eadem eiusdem ecclesie procuratores queruntur versus Robertum Taskere de Lunderthorpe in placito conuencionis fracte de eo quod idem Robertus fuit conductus cum predictis Waltero et Iohanne in festo sancti Martinj in yempe [sic] anno regni regis Edwardi tercij a conquestu xliiij^{to} ad tritrandum omnia blada eorum qualiscumque generis fuerit [?] fide sua mediante capiendo pro salario suo iuxta formam statuti et idem Robertus pro maiori salario sibi dato et promisso se a seruicio recessit contra statutum et ad dampnum predictorum Walteri et Iohannis xv s. Billa vera. (*Endorsed*: Billa vera.)

To the justices of the lord king for keeping the peace in the parts of Kesteven, W., chaplain of the parish of Barrowby, and J. S., of the same, proctors of the said church, complain against R. T. of Londonthorpe in a plea of breach of covenant, that the said R. was hired by the said W. and J. at the feast of St Martin in the 44th year of king Edward III to thresh all their corn, of whatever kind, as demanded by his fealty [?], receiving for his wages according to the form of the statute; and the same R., in consideration of higher wages given and promised to him, departed from service, against the statute and to the damage of the said W. and J. to the amount of 15s.

[*m. 3*]

ASWADHIRN IJ^A PRESENTACIO

2. Presentant quod Ricardus de Longesby de Somerby die Dominica proxima post festum Pasche anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xlv^{to} apud Ingoldesby in ecclesia ibidem in Ricardum Spryng' de Byllesfelde vi et armis cum quodam cultello extracto insultum fecit et ipsum Ricardum interfecisset

nisi prius Robertus de Panton' de Ingoldesby ipsum impedisset et ipsum de die in diem manifeste minatur. Et super hoc venit Iohannes de Wylughby et alij constabularii villate de Ingoldesby et ipsum Ricardum de Longesby ad pacem domini regis voluissent attachiari [sic] et idem Ricardus ad attachiamentum constabulariorum omnino recusauit set despexit leges domini regis. Et super hoc iidem Ricardus Longesby Iohannes de Metham de Ingoldesby Robertus filius Willelmi de eadem Willelmus filius Willelmi de eadem Alanus Geddyng' de Corby et alij cum regali potestate obsiderunt predictum Ricardum Spryng' in ecclesia de Ingoldesby a hora prima diei vsque horam nonam per quod idem Ricardus Spryng' non fuit ausus exire de ecclesia predicta pro timore mortis causa minacionis predictorum Ricardi Longesby Iohannis de Metham Roberti filii Willelmi Willelmi filii Willelmi et Alani Geddyng' contra pacem domini regis.

R. L. assaulted R. S. with a knife in the church of Ingoldsby and would have killed him had not R. de P. prevented him, and he daily threatens him openly. Wherefore the constables of Ingoldsby came and wished to attach the said R. L. but he resisted their attachment and spurned the king's laws. And the said R. L. and others laid siege to R. S. with royal power in the church of Ingoldsby from the first to the ninth hour, so that he dared not leave the church for fear of death, by reason of the threats of the said R. L. etc.

3. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Metham de Ingoldesby Robertus filius Willelmi de Ingoldesby Robertus Long' de eadem Longus Iohannes de Lauyngton' et Ricardus de Longesby de Somerby et alij vi et armis in Willelmum filium Hugonis de Panton' de Ingoldesby vi et armis insultum fecerunt et extra domum suam vi et armis tractauerunt die Dominica proxima post festum Pasche anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xlv^{to} apud Ingoldesby et ipsum Willelmum verberauerunt [et] vulnerauerunt contra pacem domini regis etc.

4. Item quod ijdem Ricardus Longesby de Somerby Iohannes de Metham de Ingoldesby Robertus filius Willelmi de eadem Robertus Long' de eadem et Longus Iohannes de Lauynton' tasker die Dominica proxima post festum Pasche anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xlv^{to} apud Ingoldesby vi et armis in Ricardum filium Hugonis Shephyrd' de Brayceby insultum fecerunt et ipsum Ricardum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt per quod de vita sua disperabatur contra pacem domini Regis et sunt communes malefactores et perturbatores pacis domini regis etc.

5. Item presentant quod Iohannes de Worthe minauit Iohannem Fryday de Suarby ad cremandum et mactandum.

J. de W. threatened J. F. to burn and kill.

6. Item dicunt quod Gilbertus Deye et Margeria vxor eius furauerunt dimidium quarterium fabarum et dimidium quarterium ordeï et dimidium quarterium auenarum in die Ramis Palmarum

anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum quadragesimo quinto.

7. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Swenerd de Aswardby furauit vestimenta precij quinque marcarum et fregit cameram domini Iohannis de Rose apud Deryngton' in die Ramis Palmarum anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum quadragesimo quinto.

8. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Lister de Chelmesford furauit pannum precij x marcarum.

[m. 4]

Inquisicio capta apud Corbi coram Andream [sic] Loutrel et sociis suis iusticiariis regis in partibus de Kesteuen' anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo quinto per sacramentum Iohannis Petid [?] Galfridi Coke Roieri [sic] Palfrey Roieri Huntingfelde Heustacii Prat [?] Iohannis Humbi [?] Iohannis filius [sic] Cristiani Iohannis Wilcous Iohannis Goldesbarn Thome Carter Iohannis Herberid Hougonis Turnius [?] Ricardi Capman Willelmi Neel.

9. Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod Henricus Spenser de Buirmigam [?] in vigilia Ramis Palmarum felonice furauit ij buselos frumenti precij ij s. et vnum cultellum precii . . . et multa alia [sic] de bonis Iohannis Hingam de Corby apud Corby.

[m. 5]

Inquisicio capta apud Corby die Lune proximo post festum sancti Marci ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xlv^{to} coram iusticiariis domini regis de pace super sacramentum Petri Sadeler Willelmi Hawlray Roberti Chattheare Willelmi Sote Iohannis Billynghay Iohannis Bokenale Iohannis Offyewode Thome Bate Iohannis Freman Gilberti de Esseby Roberti Kydell et Iohannis Paly.

10. Qui dicunt quod Willelmus capellanus de Horncastre manens iuxta Wyntryngton' vel Wyntryngham et Henricus clericus commorans cum dicto Willelmo [et] Walterus clericus commorans cum dicto Willelmo venerunt die annunciacionis beate Marie et furtiue depredauerunt vicarium de Esseby de xl solidis anno supradicto.

11. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Litster de Colchestre furtiue furatus est vnum pese de panno laneo precij quinque marcarum die Veneris proximo post primam Dominicam in passione domini anno supradicto.

12. Item dicunt quod Reginaldus Brabayn de Grantham de Grantham [sic] webester recepit dictum Iohannem cum dictis catallis die et anno supradictis etc.

[m. 6]

ASWARDHIRN' PRIMUS

Inquisicio capta apud Grantham coram iusticiariis domini regis de pace in partibus de Kestuen' in comitatu Lincoln' die

Veneris proximo ante festum sancti Gregorij pape anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xlv^o per sacramentum Willelmi Bewfo de Wylughby Iohannis de Lamore de Asgarby Iohannis Paris de Ingoldesby Iohannis Wylughby de Ingoldesby Symonis Northampton' de Euedone Roberti Louet' de Iwardeby Willelmi Lesyngham de eadem Thome de Lamore de Helpingham Thome Stalword de Kyrkebylaylthorpe Iohannis Pylat' de Hekyngton' Iohannis Tempul de Burton' Iohannis Baxter de Veteri Lafford.

13. Qui dicunt quod Willelmus Tempul de Sleaford est communis pistor et vendit anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xliiij^o et anno regni regis Edwardi xlv^o panem contra assisam videlicet vbi precium frumenti se extendit aliquo tempore ad x s. in annis predictis dictus Willelmus vendidit apud Sleaford panes ad precium quarterii frumenti xv s. in die proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xliiij^o vsque nunc vnde excessus iij s.

W. T. is a common baker and he sold bread against the assize, namely, when the price of wheat at a certain time rose to 10s. he sold bread at Sleaford as though wheat were 15s. a quarter, his excess profit being 4s.

14. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Tawerner de Sleaford est communis piscarius et vendit pisces et allecia in annis regis nunc xlv^o die Lune proximo post carnipriuium apud Sleaford Willelmo Croftes de Sleaford videlicet vj allecia pro j d. vbi deberet de iure viij allecia et sic vendidit omnibus alijs per tempus quadragesime ad graue dampnum vnde excessus ij s.

J. T. is a common fisherman, and he sold fish at Sleaford to W. C., namely six herrings for 1d. instead of eight, and he sold to many others in this way during Lent, his excess being 2s.

15. Item dicunt quod Willelmus de Kyrkeby manens in Sleaford est communis brasiator et brasiauit et vendidit contra assisam die Lune proximo post festum sancti Mathie apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xlv^o apud Sleaford videlicet vnam lagenam pro iij d. vbi debet vendi pro ij d. et non vlt vendere per mensuras nisi per discos et cifos vnde excessus xij d.

16. Item dicunt quod Symon Olyer de Veteri Lafford vendidit j lagenam olei apud Sleaford Alicie Skynner de Sleaford die Lune proximo post festum sancti Mathie anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xliiij^o precij xvj d. vbi debet vendere j lagenam pro x d. vnde excessus ij s. quia vendidit omnibus alijs de eodem Symone oleum ementibus etc.

S. O. sold one gallon of oil for 16d. when he should have sold one gallon for 10d., making an excess profit of 2s., for he sold thus to all who bought oil of him.

17. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Kote de Euedon est communis textor panni lanci et cepit de Henrico Stork' capellano manente in Euedon' apud Euedon' die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Iohannis ante portam Latinam anno regni regis Edwardi terciij

post conquestum xliiij^o et v^o pro qualibet virga iij d. vbi debet capere nisi iij d. unde excessus xij d.

18. Item dicunt quod Thomas Bay de Hekyngton' est communis hospitator oxionator et [illegible] vigilator [?] et vendidit [illegible] ceruisiam contra assisam et alia victualia apud Hekyngton' Alexandro de la Hagh et alijs diuersis hominibus per patriam ibidem die Martis proximo post festum sancti Martini anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xliiij^o et v^o etc. vnde excessus iij s. viij d.

19. Item dicunt quod Thomas Tygow de Hole est communis tector domorum et cepit apud Hole de Hugone Skynner de Parua Hole [illegible] proximo post festum apostolorum Philippi et Iacoby anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xliiij^o iij d. et cibum et sic cepit de eodem [illegible] et alijs per diuersas vices anno predicto contra statutum domini regis etc. vnde excessus iij s. iij d.

T. T. is a common thatcher and received from H. S. in the 48th year 4d. and food, and the same from him and others several times during that year.

20. Item dicunt quod Ricardus [illegible] cepit de Iohanne de Burton' de Hale apud Hale die Lune proximo post festum sancti Laurencij anno regni regis Edwardi xliiij^o iij d. et cibum et sic de eodem diuersis diebus per totum autumpnum vbi debet capere nisi iij d. et cibum vnde excessus xij d.

21. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Pynder de Hale est communis brasiator et vendidit lagenam seruise apud Hale Iohanni Bauet et Willelmo Ropere de Hale die Dominica proxima post festum purificationis sancte Marie anno regni regis Edwardi xlv^o pro iij d. et non vlt vendere nisi per discos et cifos et refutat vendere extra domum et per mensuram vnde excessus iij s. iij d.

W. P. is a common brewer and sold a gallon of ale to J. B. and W. R. for 3d. and will not sell except in jars and cups and refuses to sell outside the house and by measure, his excess profit being 3s. 4d.

22. Item dicunt quod Ricardus Burrede de Swarby est communis brasiator et vendidit apud Swarby j lagenam seruise Iohanne Person' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Petri anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xliiij^o per iij d. et sic excessiue vendidit omnibus alijs et non vlt vendere extra domos et nisi per discos et cifos vnde excessus xij d.

23. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Deye de Ingoldesby est communis carucarius et cepit de Gilberto Deye de eadem apud Ingoldesby die Lune proximo post festum sancti Andree anno regni regis nunc xliiij^o iij d. et cibum et sic de eodem per totam ebdomadam et sic de alijs in anno sequente vnde excessus xij d.

W. D. is a common ploughman and received from G. D. in the 43rd year 3d. and food, and the same from him for a whole week, and from others in the following year, his excess being 12d.

24. Item dicunt quod Willelmus de Breton' de Ingoldesby est communis tector et non vlt operari in dieta villa set extra villam illam in alijs villis causa excessiui lucri et cepit de Thoma Smyth de Bilsfeld in Billesfeld die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xliiij^o iij d. et cibum contra statutum domini regis etc. et sic per totam septimanam vnde excessus vj d.

[m. 7]

WYN[NIBRIGGS] Iij^A

Inquisicio capta apud Grantham die Veneris proximo ante festum sancti Gregorij coram Radulpho Basset' de Sapcot' et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis in partibus de Kesteuen' assignatis per sacramentum Radulphi de Kelby Iohannis de Brandon' Roberti Crispyng Iohannis filii Andree Roberti Gaunt Gilberti Messager Thome de Beauoire Thome Adamson' de Welby Alani filii Radulphi Iohannis filii Rogeri Symonis de Hykam et Rogeri filii Rogeri de Somerby.

25. Qui dicunt quod Cecilia vxor Iohannis Smyth de Haubeck' de Wyllesford die Lune proximo post festum assumptionis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc xliiij^{to} apud Willesford sex garbas frumenti precij vj d. contra pacem cepit et asportauit de Thoma persona ecclesie de Willesford.

26. Item dicunt quod vxor Iohannis Ledbeter de Welby est brasiatrix ceruisie et vendit contra assisam anno xliiij^{to}. (*Endorsed*: Wyn[nibriggs] iij.)

[*The seals of the jurors are attached to strips cut out of the middle of the membrane. The following French petition is written on the lower part of the membrane, below the seals, starting at the foot, so that the membrane has to be turned upside down in order to read it :*]

27. A les iustices notre seigneur le roy priount les communes gentz du pais que les bocheres de pais puyssont venyre et alere sauement al marche de Grantham pour faire leur marchandisez cestasauer pour trenchere et coupere chare et pessoun pour le commune profit de pais sicome le ordinace dil estatute le[ur] demaunde et que proclamacioun vnqore soit fait en ayde dil commune qare mult necessarye chose et profitable est al commune du pais qe ceo soit fait.

To the justices of our lord the king pray the common people of the country that the butchers of the country may come and go in safety to the market at Grantham to do their business, namely to cut and carve flesh and fish, for the common profit of the country, as the ordinance of the statute commands; and also that proclamation be made in aid of the commons, for it is a thing most necessary and profitable for the commons that this be done.

[m. 8]

AUELOUND TERCIA

Inquisicio capta coram Radulpho Basset' et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis de pace in partibus de Kesteuen' apud Grantham die Veneris proximo ante festum sancti Gregorij pape anno regni regis Edwardi terciij quatragesimo quinto per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum ad hoc iuratorum.

28. Qui dicunt quod Radulphus filius Petri de Morton' die Iouis ante festum sancti Petri in cathedra anno regni regis Edwardi nunc quadragesimo quinto fregit domum Philippi Draper apud Morton' et quatuor libras tres solidos et quatuor denarios furtiue cepit.¹

¹ See App. I. p. 183, below.

29. Item presentant quod Robertus Mabson' senior de Braceby die Sabati in festo natiuitatis sancte Marie anno regni regis nunc xl^{mo} tercio ecclesiam de Haceby vi et armis intrauit cum duobus cultellis extractis et insultum fecit in Iohannem Peny cappellanum in diuino obsequio existentem per quod dictus Iohannes a dicta ecclesia fugit et per mensem non ausus fuit in dictam ecclesiam reintrare.

R. M. entered the church of Haceby with two knives drawn and assaulted the chaplain during divine service, so that he fled from the said church, and dared not return to it for a month. See no. 61, below.

30. Item presentant quod Robertus de Kelstern' cappellanus senior dominus Iohannes Gilbert' de Karelton' cappellanus Ricardus de Fynden' de Lincoln' Iohannes de Orsall' de Lincoln' Hugo Iayler de Lincoln' et Iohannes de Elsam de Lincoln' mercer die Mercurii in vigilia Omnium Sanctorum anno regni regis nunc xl^o tercio apud Skeldighope vi et armis et armati ecclesiam de Skeldyghope intrauerunt et insultum fecerunt in Robertum Halyday personam dicte ecclesie et ipsum a dicta ecclesia fugauerunt ita quod non audebat reintrare dictam ecclesiam propriam sine auxilio hominum comitis Dangos. (*Endorsed: Auel[ound] iij.*)

R. de K. and others entered the church of Skellingthorpe armed, and assaulted the parson, and chased him from the church so that he dared not return without the help of the men of the earl of Angus.

[m. 9]

WYN[NIBRIGGS] QUARTA

Inquisicio capta apud Grantham die Veneris proximo ante festum sancti Gregorij pape anno regni regis Edwardi terciij quadragesimo quinto coram Radulpho Basset de Sapecot' milite et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis in partibus de Kesteuen' in comitatu Lincoln' assignatis per sacramentum Thome Bygot de Grantham Ricardi Symund Ricardi Austyn Thome de Fulbek Thome filii Thome de Chesterton' Thome filii Iohannis de Chesterton' Roberti de Wellagh' Roberti de Westburgh' Hugonis de Barston' Iohannis de Clyff Roberti Scharpe et Iohannis de Newerk de Grantham iuratorum.

31. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Iohanna (finem fecit¹) vxor Iohannis de Clyff post ultimam cessionem iusticiariorum brasauit et vendidit bis vel ter contra assisam et statutum etc.

32. Item quod Matilla (finem fecit¹) de Bymington de Grantham Alicia (finem fecit¹) Darre Thomas Spilleman (finem fecit alibi¹) Simon de Cachethorpe (finem fecit¹) Iohannes Makantre (finem fecit¹) Robertus Barbour (finem fecit¹) in le Walkergat Radulfus de Norton (finem fecit¹) Willelmus Ray (finem fecit¹) Iohannes de Saltby (finem fecit¹) Laurencius de Éthoham (finem fecit¹) Rogerus de Scoter (finem fecit¹) pro hospicio suo Rogerus Tauerner pro hostery Alicia de le hostery (finem fecit¹) Alexander de Wellinghore (finem fecit alibi¹) Thomas de Stafford (finem fecit¹) Nicholaus de Scotelthorpe Ricardus Peyntour (finem fecit alibi¹) Willelmus Aylmer (finem fecit¹) Iohannes Greyne (finem fecit¹) Agneta Salue (finem fecit¹) Cecilia Lyster Margareta Furner (finem fecit alibi¹) Gilbertus (finem fecit alibi¹) Cuff fisser Robertus de Beaumer (finem fecit¹) Lambertus Sadeleer (finem fecit¹) Iohannes Chaumpayne (finem fecit¹) Dionisia Ferour (finem fecit¹) Radulfus Darre (finem fecit¹) et Alicia de Lyttfeld omnes isti brasiauerunt et vendiderunt in domibus suis per discos et cifos sine mensuris sigillatis contra assisam.

33. Item dicunt quod Conradus Baldewyn Robertus de Keleby (finem alibi¹) Rogerus Webster (finem fecit¹) Thomas Hosteler (alibi¹) Robertus Barbour (finem fecit alibi¹) in foro Stephanus Barbour (finem fecit alibi¹) et Willelmus Haket (finem fecit¹) isti tiplauerunt et vendiderunt per discos et sine mensuris sigillatis contra assisam.

34. Item dicunt quod Rogerus de Scoter (finem fecit¹) de Grantham vendidit vinum per vasas vocatas ryuettes que non continent mensuram legalem per estimacionem.

In cuius rei testimonium sigilla iuratorum presentibus sunt appensa. Data die loco et anno supradietis.

35. Item quod Thomas de Stafford (finem fecit¹) vendidit vinum de Gasseconia in Grantham pro xiiij d. le galon' vbi alij vendunt pro xij d. in eadem villa.

[m. 10]

BILLA VERA

36. Iusticiariis domini regis Dionisia Drayton' queritur de Roberto Bolton clerico de eo quod die Dominica in festo purificationis beate Marie virginis anno regni regis Edwardi tereij post conquestum quadragesimo quinto idem Robertus apud Staunford in dictam Dionisiam insultum fecit et ipsam verberauit vlnerauit et male tractauit et vnum velamen de serico precij vj s. viij d. ipsius Dionisie dilacerauit contra pacem et ad dampnum ipsius Dionisie xx librarum per quod petit remedium. Billa vera.

Plegii de prosecucione Iohannes Empyngham Robertus Towyne.
(*Endorsed: Vera.*)

To the justices of the lord king D. D. complains of R. B., clerk, that on Sunday in the feast of the Purification in the 45th year of king Edward III the same R. assaulted the said D. at Stamford, and beat, wounded, and ill-treated her, and tore a silk veil of hers worth 6s. 8d., against the peace, and to her damage to the amount of £20, wherefore she seeks redress.

[*m. 11*]

NESS' PRIMA

Inquisicio capta apud Staunford die Iouis proximo post festum Epyffhanie anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum xliiij^{to} coram [*blank*] et sociis suis iusticiariis in partibus de Kesteuen assignatis per sacramentum xij liberos et legales homines iuratos [*sic*].

37. Qui dicunt quod Iohannes Sowter de Osberneby die decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regis nunc xliiij^{to} apud Thorleby vnum iumentum Galfridi Carter de Thorleby felonice furatus fuit precii xij s. iiij d.

Item dicunt quod predictus Iohannes Sowter est communis latro.

38. Item dicunt quod Alanus Boseuyllaynes¹ in Depyng furtiue cepit duo iumenta precij xx s. de Iohanne Herre de Quadryng' in marisco de Depyng die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno supradicto.

¹ One of the ten indicted of felony whose names do not appear on the *Coram Rege* rolls.

39. Item dicunt quod Thomas quondam seruiens Galfridi Pope de Talyngton die Veneris proximo ante festum aduincula sancti Petri anno supradicto domum Willelmi Auable de Talyngton' noctanter fregit et ibidem bladum et vnum perma [?] precij xvij d. cepit et furtiue abduxit.

In cuius rei testimonium sigilla iuratorum sunt appensa. Data apud Staunford die et anno supradictis. (*Endorsed: Ness' j.*)

[*m. 12. This membrane has a jagged upper edge, like an indenture.*]

STAUNFORD PRIMA

Inquisicio capta coram iusticiariis domini regis assignatis [*sic*] in partibus de Kesteuen apud Staunford die Iouis proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum quadragesimo quarto super sacramentum Willelmi Dapthorpe Iohannis Spiser Iohannis Wakerle Henrici Bokedene Henrici Wade Iohannis Bonde Willelmi de Staunford Walteri Makeseye Adam de Durham Rogeri Colton' Walteri Baldeswell' et Iohannis Martefeld.

40. Qui dicunt quod Thomas Wulf die Sabbati proximo post festum sancti Laurencij anno regni regis Edwardi tercii xlij^{to} apud Staunford felonice interfecit Thomam Lincoln' de Staunford.

41. Item dicunt quod Thomas de Chesterfeld die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iacobi apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum quadragesimo quarto felonice apud Staunford interfecit Willelmum Lorde baker.

42. Item quod Philippus Milner die Lune proximo post festum sancti Mathei apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum quadragesimo terciio apud Staunford felonice interfecit Willelmum Tokeby.

43. Item dicunt [quod] Thomas de Thedyngworth' die Louis proximo post festum sancti Martini in yeme felonice anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum quadragesimo quarto duo iumenta precij xvj s. cepit et abduxit.

44. Item dicunt quod Thomas Coke de Morton' die Martis proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum quadragesimo quarto vnum equum precij vj s. felonice cepit et abduxit.

45. Item dicunt quod Thomas de Haloughton' nuper seruiens Ricardi Forister die Louis proximo post medium quadragesime domum dicti Ricardi felonice fregit et vnum linthiamen et vnum chaloun precij xl d. cepit et asportauit.

46. Item quod Agnes de Casteldonyngton' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno quadragesimo apud Staunford domum Walteri Baldiswell' felonice fregit et duo linthiamina et vnum chaloun cum vno forceer ad valenciam xls. ibidem cepit et asportauit.

47. Item quod Iohannes Dertford domum Iohannis Martefeld felonice fregit et vnum couerled et duo linthiamina precij xx s. ibidem cepit et asportauit.

48. Item quod Iohannes de Stauern nuper seruiens Edithe del Mersche die Louis proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlij vnum bidentem Willelmi de Styandeby precij xvij d. felonice apud Staunford cepit et abduxit.

49. Item quod Iohannes Tauerner vendidit vinum de Gaseoyne vnum doleum et vnum pipe precij lagena [sic] xvj d.

50. Item quod Iohannes Wakerle vendidit vinum de Ryne videlicet ij amnes [sic] precij lagena xij d. (*Endorsed* : Staunford j.)

[m. 13]

AUELOUND IJ^A

Inquisicio capta coram Radulfo Bassett' et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis de pace in partibus de Kesteuen apud Grantham die Sabbati proximo ante festum sancti Hillarii anno regni regis Edwardi terciij a conquestu quadragesimo [sic] quarto per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum.

51. Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod Hugo de Holand seruiens Willelmi Hottell' de Calthorpe iunioris die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Andree apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi xl^oiii^o furtiue apud Thurleby cepit sex porcos precii xv solidorum de Rogero vicario ecclesie de Thurleby.

52. Item presentant quod Willelmus Rede¹ de Morton' die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Laurentii anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xl^oiii^o furtiue cepit de Willelmo Hemhyng' de Hacunby vnam vaccam apud Hacunby precij xs. et communis latro est.

¹ One of the ten indicted of felony whose names do not appear on the *Coram Rege* rolls.

53. Item Iohannes de Rowe de Brunne die Omnium Sanctorum anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xl^oiii^o furtiue cepit apud Brunne de domino Henrico de Bewmont vnum bouem precij xx s.

54. Item Radulfus Holk' de Morton' Iohannes Patte et Walterus Patte de eadem die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxix^o furtiue ceperunt de Thoma Sarreson' de Pyncebek' apud Hacunbybrigg' duo quarteria ordeï precij xs.¹

¹ See App. II, p. 183, below.

55. Item Iohannes Reynald¹ de Hermethorpe die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Thome martiris anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xlij^o felonice interfecit Iohannem Belott' de eadem apud Hermetby.

¹ One of the ten indicted of felony whose names do not appear on the *Coram Rege* rolls.

56. Item Adam Bayous de Folkyngham die Iouis proximo ante festum sancte Lucie virginis anno regni regis Edwardi tricessimo octauo domum Thome Ouelep' apud Folkyngham fregit et meremium ad valenciam duorum solidorum furtiue cepit et asportauit.

57. Item dictus Adam Bayous die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Michaelis et ceteris diebus Dominicis eodem anno per vices apud portas abathie de Sempyngham in Sempyngham anno regni regis Edwardi nunc tricessimo nono carnes et alia victualia ibidem inuenta ad valenciam decem solidorum furtiue cepit et asportauit.

58. Item Willelmus Schephyrd de Folkyngham die Iouis proximo ante festum sancti Andree apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xl^oiii^o furtiue cepit de Cecilia Liricok' apud Folkyngham quendam ouem precij ijs.

59. Item Iohannes filius Simonis Boner de Hacunby die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Michaelis anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xl^oij^o felonice interfecit Willelmum Pye de Hacunby apud Hacunby.

60. Et Willelmus Hoteyll de Calthorpe senior dictum Iohannem filium Simonis sciens ipsum felonem receptavit.

61. Item Robertus filius Roberti Mabson' de Haceby die Iouis proximo ante festum sancti Michaelis anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xxx^{ix}^o quendam equum precij xx s. de Iohanne filio Iohannis filii Ricardi de Haceby apud Haceby furtive cepit et Robertus Mabson pater eius dictum felonem domini regis scienter receptavit.¹

¹ See no. 29, above.

62. Item Walterus Barker de Poynton' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xlⁱⁱⁱⁱ^o domum Willelmi Coke de Newton' apud Poynton' fregit noctanter et fabas et pisas ibidem inventas in garbis [et] extra garbas ad valenciam decem solidorum furtive cepit et abduxit.¹

¹ See App. III, p. 185, below.

63. Item Iohannes Bele de Hacunby die assumptionis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xl^{ij} Nicholaum filium Radulfi de Hacunby apud Hacunby felonice interfecit.

64. Item Ricardus Spowre de Morton' die Sabbati proximo ante festum sancti Petri in cathedra Iohannem Hode de Morton' apud Morton' felonice interfecit anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xl^j^o.

65. Item Iohannes de Thorpe de Repyng hale senior die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Swythini anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xliij^o cepit de Thoma Hottyll' de Hacunby apud Repyng hale septem libras tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios contra pacem.¹ (*Endorsed: Auel[ound] ij.*)

¹ See App. IV, p. 186, below.

[*m. 14*]

AUELOUND PRIMA

Inquisicio capta apud Corby die Martis proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis Edwardi tereij liij^{to} coram domino Andrea Luterell' et socijs suis iusticiarijs domini regis de pace in partibus de Kesteuen' per sacramentum Galfridi Frankys Roberti de Somercotes Willelmi Storoure Willelmi Iakeson Walteri filii Thome Walteri de Marton' Hugonis Fraunkham Henrici Philip Iohannis Bryan Galfridi Iankyn Roberti Forester et Simonis Scombel.

66. Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod quidam Willelmus Chikyn bercarius furtive cepit vnum bidentem precij xx d. die Martis proximo post festum sancte Katerine virginis in aurora diei anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xliij^{to} in campis de Folkyngham et perduxit illum ad quendam Robertum Chamberleyn de Folkyngham bocher qui illum receptavit scienter de furto predicto.

67. Item dicunt quod quidam Iohannes Soly bercarius de Dembleby est communis latro furendo bidentes.

68. Item dicunt quod quidam Iohannes Isbel de Swaton' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Luce ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi supradicto apud Swaton furabatur vnam iuveneam precij dimidie marke et maetauit illam ibidem cuius caro arestatur per balliuos abbatis de Barlynges.

69. Item dicunt quod quidam Willelmus Blenche de Swaton' est communis latro et furto equorum et est vagrans [sic] in patria.

70. Item dicunt quod quidam Iohannis Sturdy (ponit se¹) de Calthorpe est communis perturbator pacis et werberauit Willelmum Hottel seniore[m] die Epiphanie domini nunc vltimo et Hugo Soppe de Repynghale similiter.

71. Item dicunt quod quidam Iohannes de Corby manens in Kirkeby iuxta Repynghale est communis latro furando aucas capones et galinas videlicet Willelmi Nicol precij viij d. Roberti Couper precij vj d.

72. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Wyot (finis xx s.¹) de Spanby et Robertus (finis¹) Elys de eadem sunt forstallers in foris diuersis de granis ad nocumentum patrie quilibet eorum x quarteria.

W. W. and R. E. are forestallers of grain in various markets, to the extent of ten quarters each, to the harm of the countryside.

In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigilla sua apposuerunt.

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73. Item dicunt quod Willelmus filius Roberti Bogge¹ de Donnesby iuxta Repynghale felonice interfecit Iohannem Baly de Donnesby supradicta die dominica in secunda septimana quadragesime apud Donnesby anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xliij^{to}.

¹ One of the ten indicted of felony whose names do not appear on the *Coram Rege* rolls.

74. Et quod Willelmus filius Nicholai de Kirkby iuxta Repynghale [et] Robertus Tony fuerunt auxiliantes [sic] et consentientes ad feloniam et mortem dicti Iohannis.

75. Item dicunt quod quidam Iohannes Soly de Dembleby bercarius die Lune proximo post festum sancti Dunstani episcopi anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xliij^{to} in campis de Birthorpe furabatur xxij^{os} bidentes precij xl s. qui fuerunt Iohannis de Burne de Spanby [in] hundredo de Spaldyng⁷ et Willelmi Wyot de Spanby de Halyngborow [?].¹

¹ See App. V. p. 187, below.

76. Item dicunt quod Hugo Soppe de Repynghale est rebellis contra constabularios et recusat vigilare in estate le tounewache et minabatur constabulariis.

H. S. is a rebel against the constables and refuses to keep the town watch in summer, and threatens the constables.

[m. 15]

BELT[ISLOE] 13^A

Inquisicio capta apud Corby die Martis proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xliiij^{to} coram Andrea Luterell' et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis de pace in partibus de Kesteuen per sacramentum Willelmi Abbot Willelmi Harope Iohannis Petyd Galfridi Coke Iohannis Attekirk' Iohannis de Paunton' Rogeri Palfrey Iohannis de Wymoundham Eustachii Prat' Nicolai Atteyate Iohannis Bigot Hugonis Bate Thome Parker' et Iohannis de Okam.

77. Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod Robertus Fraunkhome de Colsteworth' die Iouis proximo ante festum sancti Nicholai episcopi anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xliiij^{to} apud Dalby in comitatu Leycestr' furtiue cepit et abduxit 1 bidentes precii centum solidorum et xxx^{ta} bidentes de Burton' Seynt Lazar precii 1s. et est communis latro et vendidit dictos bidentes in diuersis locis in comitatu Lincoln'.¹

¹ See no. 91, below.

78. Item dicunt quod quidam Iohannes de Parys de Kyseby et Hugo frater eius et Ricardus frater eius die Iouis in septimana Pasche anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xliij^o apud Kyseby felonice interfecerunt Iohannem Attyelak [?].

79. Item dicunt quod Ricardus de Ywerdeby de Dolleby furtiue cepit vnum iumentum precii x s. et vnum quarterium brasii precij vj s. de Iohanne Dolour de Hauerthorpe apud Dollyby die Lune in prima septimana quadragesime anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xliij et est communis latro.

80. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Lok de Swafeld et Iohanna vxor eius furtiue ceperunt de Iohanne Sowter de Swafeld die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno xliiij^o quinque libras argenti et auri.

81. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Kourte de Corby furtiue cepit de Iohanne Athhille de Corby die Iouis proximo [post ?] festum purificationis beate Marie anno xlj^o apud Corby xxij marcas et asportauit et fugauit in comitatum Leycestr'.

82. Item dicunt quod predictus Iohannes Attehille predictum Iohannem Kourte cepit et habuit de eo xj marcas et eum receptauit in societate sua per longum tempus.

83. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Plommer quondam seruiens abbatis de Valle Dei fecit insultum cuidam Willelmo Longe de Corby die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno xl et super hoc venit Willelmus de Corby constabularius castelli de Bytham et custos foris [sic] domini Roberti de Collevill' et pacis domini regis in foro de Corby et precepit tam Willelmum Plommer quam Willelmum Longe attachiari ad pacem domini regis ita quod

predictus Willelmus Longe illo tempore percussit predictum Willelmum Plommer eum quodam cultello per quod cepit mortem.²

W. P., formerly servant of the abbot of Vaudey, assaulted W. L. of Corby on the Thursday after Michaelmas, whereupon came W. de C., constable of the castle of Bytham and keeper of the market of sir Robert de Colvill¹ and [keeper] of the king's peace in the market of Corby, and ordered both W. P. and W. L. to be attached to keep the peace, so that the said W. L. thereupon struck the said W. P. with a knife so that he died.

¹ Sir Robert Colvill was lord of Castle Bytham at this date (1366). On his death in 1369 he was succeeded by his cousin, Ralph Basset of Sapcote.

² See no. 90, below.

[m. 15d.]

Item dicunt quod Thomas [*unfinished*].

84. Item dicunt quod Galfridus Depyng' de Swafeld vendidit ceruisiam anno xliiij^o apud Swafeld videlicet lagenam ceruisie pro duobus denariis vnde excessus ij s.

85. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Rammeshede mylner manens in Edenham et Galfridus Depyng de Swafeld verberauerunt et vulnerauerunt Willelmum Faber de Corby apud Swafeld die Iouis proximo post festum Ascensionis domini anno xliiij^o.

86. Item predictus Iohannes Rammeshede milner die Lune proximo post [festum] sancti Martini apud Edenham anno xliij verberauit Thomam Geruoy's de Edenham.

87. Item dicunt quod [*illegible*] (finem fecit¹) de Edenham emit blada in villa de Edenham et vendidit quodlibet quarterium frumenti vltra precium in foro [*illegible*].

88. Item dicunt quod Willelmus [*illegible*] (finis¹) de Edenham vendidit seruisiam apud Edenham anno xliiij^o quamlibet lagenam ceruisie pro duobus denariis vnde excessus iij s. iij d.

89. Item Ricardus Parker de Edenham vendidit seruisiam apud Edenham anno xliiij^o quamlibet lagenam seruisie pro duobus denariis unde excessus iij s. iij d.

90. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Plommer quondam seruiens abbatis de Valle Dei fecit insultum cuidam Willelmo Longe de Corby die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno xl et predictus Willelmus Longe attachiatus fuit illo tempore et Willelmus Plommer non fuit attachiatus illo tempore set Willelmus de Corby capellanus [?] custos foris [sic] de villata de Corby precepit attachiari predictum Willelmum Plommer et percussit eum ad terram et super hoc venit predictus Willelmus Longe et eum percussit cum vno cultello per quod cepit mortem. BELT[ISLOE] ij

W. P., formerly servant of the abbot of Vaudey, assaulted a certain W. L. of Corby on the Thursday after Michaelmas, and the said W. L. was attached at that time, and W. P. was not attached, but W. de C., chaplain, keeper of the market of Corby, ordered the said W. P. to be attached, and struck him to the ground; whereupon came the said W. L. and struck him [W. P.] with a knife, so that he died. See no. 83, above.

[m. 16]

BELT[ISLOE] PRIMA

Inquisicio capta apud Corby die Martis proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xliiij^{to} coram domino Andrea Luterell et socijs suis iusticiariis domini regis de pace in partibus de Kesteuen per sacramentum Iohannis de Claypole Willelmi Berley Willelmi Childe Thome Pynder Roberti filii Iohannis Ricardi Attekirk' Roberti Comber' Rogeri de Westby Willelmi de Thirleby Roberti de Barkworth' Willelmi de Broughton' Ricardi Colle et Rogeri Wyne et Iohannis Herbert.

91. Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod quidam Robertus Fraunhome de Colsteworth die Iouis proximo ante festum sancti Nicholai episcopi anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xliiij^{to} apud Dalby in comitatu Leyeestr' furabatur et abduxit quinquaginta bidentes precii centum solidorum et eciam triginta bidentes precii 1s. de Burton' seyn Lazer' et abduxit eos in comitatum Lincoln' et in diuersis locis eos vendebat.¹

¹ See no. 77, above.

92. Item dicunt quod quidam Willelmus Greyne de Ingoldesby est communis latro de furto equorum qui quidem Willelmus die Mercurii proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xliiij^{to} in campis de Billesfeld furabatur quoddam iumentum Thome Houter de Billesfeld et abduxit.

93. Item dicunt quod quidam Iohannes de Parys de Kyseby Hugo de Parys de eadem et Ricardus de Parys de Kysseby die Martis proximo post festum sancti Clementis Martiris anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xliiij^{to} apud Kyseby noctanter felonice interfecerunt Iohannem o the place de Kyseby.¹

See App. VI, p. 188, below.

94. Item dicunt quod Iohannes de Hornby de Corby (iiij d.¹) Ricardus Smyth (iiij d.¹) de eadem Ricardus Hardy (iiij d.¹) de eadem Nicholauus Ferour (vj d.¹) de eadem Iohannes de Langham (vj d.¹) de eadem Willelmus Attepersons (iiij d.¹) de eadem Alicia Pytaile (iiij d.¹) de eadem Robertus de Paunton' (vj d.¹) de eadem Alicia Childerman (vj d.¹) de eadem Iohannes Barbour (iiij d.¹) de eadem Iohannes de Bytham (iiij d.¹) de eadem Iohannes de Okam (iiij d.¹) Iohannes Kytson' (vj d.¹) Iohannes Wardon' (iiij d.¹) et Iohannes Wryth (iiij d.¹) omnes predicti vendiderunt seruissiam excessiue contra statutum vt patet supra quemlibet eorum per estimacionem.

95. Item dicunt quod Aungnes Cole (vj d. finis!) de Colsteworth vendidit seruissiam excessiue contra statutum vnde excessus per estimacionem vj d.

In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigilla sua apposuerunt.

[m. 17]

ASWARDHYRN' IJ^A

Inquisicio capta apud Slefford die Lune proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xliiij coram iusticiariis domini regis de pace in partibus de Kesteuen per sacramentum Willelmi Debelefago Iohannis de Lamore Iohannis de Weluby Symonis de Norhampton' Roberti Louet Henrici filii Ricardi Thome de Lamore Iohannis Baxter Iohannis filii Hugonis Iohannis Pelet Iohannis de Latemple Ricardi de Baflete.

96. Qui dicunt quod Willelmus Couper de Sancto Botolfo die natalis domini anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xliiij furtiue fregit domum Walteri Aungewyne de Bacton' in Bacton' et ibidem felonice furatus fuit x solidos argenti et par linthiaminum precij xij d. de dicto Waltero.

97. Item dicunt quod Iohannes de Carleton' de Ancastur die Lune proximo post festum sancte Keterine [sic] anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xliiij noctanter felonice intrauit mesuagium Ricardi Onokul de Batton' et ibidem in grangia dicti Ricardi ignem imposuit et omnia blada dicti Ricardi concremauit.

J. C. feloniously by night entered a messuage of R. O. and there set fire to a grange belonging to R. and burned all his corn.

98. Item dicunt quod Auicia de Louth' die Dominica proxima post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis Edwardi xliiij^o felonice furatus fuit x s. de Iohanne Kuokel de Batton apud Batton.

99. Item dicunt quod Alicia filia Cecilie Loke de Hekyngton' furtiue cepit de loculo Willelmi Rode de Hekyngton' iij s. noctanter die Mercurii proxima post festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xliij et est communis latro.

100. Item dicunt quod Petrus bercarius de Fonsel' [?] die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Botulphi anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xliiij insultum fecit Iohanne de Paris de Ingoldusby magistro suo apud Ingoldusby et ibidem dictum Iohannem verberauit et male tractauit et in super dictum Iohannem minando quod omnia bona et catalla dicti Iohannis cum igne concremabit.

P., a shepherd, assaulted J. P., his master, beat and ill-treated him, threatening to burn all his goods and chattels.

101. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Menley de Slefford die Lune proximo post festum decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xliiij insultum fecit Willelmo Couper de Slefford apud Slefford et ibidem dictum Willelmum werberauit wolnerauit et maletractauit contra pacem domini regis et est communis perturbator pacis domini regis. (*Endorsed*: Asward-[hirn] ij.)

[m. 18]

ASWARDHIRN' PRIMA

Inquisicio capta apud Sleaford die Lune proximo post festum Epiphanie anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xliiij^o coram iusticiariis domini regis de pace per sacramentum Iohannis Parys de Ingoldesby Thome Stalword de Kyrkeby Willelmi Lesyngham de Iwardeby Ricardi Anwik' de Asgarby Symonis Schamburlayn de Hale Iohannis Scaytor de Hale Thome filii Ricardi de Helpingham Ricardi Wylehawer de Swarby Roberti Fox de Iwardeby Iohannis Nelson de Hale Raginaldi Keng' de Hekyngton' Iohannis Kelby de Asgarby.

102. Qui dicunt quod Iohannes filius Iohannis Skyld de Kirkebylaylthorp et Margareta concubina sua seruientes Henrici de Beche manentes in Kyrkebylaylthorp habuerunt subclaves et felonice furati fuerunt noctanter apud Kyrkeby blada et braseum et ordeum videlicet iij quarteria et alia victualia in pantria et in aliis locis precii dictorum quarteriorum et victualium xx s. de predicto Henrico die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xliij^o.

J., son of J. S., and M., servants of H. de B., dwelling at Kirkby Laythorpe, had skeleton keys [?] and feloniously by night at Kirkby stole from the said H. corn, and malt, and barley, namely three quarters, and other victuals, in the pantry and elsewhere, to the value of 20s.

103. Item dicunt quod Henricus de Bramton' felonice furatus fuit vnum equum apud Iwardeby precii xij s. de Thoma Bele de Iwardeby die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xliiij^o et est communis latro.

104. Item dicunt quod Thomas quondam seruiens Willelmi de le Laund de Dokeby felonice interfecit Iohannem Barkword de Brayseby apud Sleaford die Lune proximo post festum assumptionis sancte Marie anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xxxiiiij^o.

105. Item dicunt quod Henricus persona ecclesie sancti Petri de Lincoln' et decanus prebende de Sleaford cepit de Nicholao capellano parochie de Veteri Lafford per extorcionem decem solidos die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xliiij^o.

H., parson of St Peter of Lincoln and dean of the prebend of Sleaford, took 10s. by extortion from N., chaplain of the parish of Old Sleaford.

106. Item dicunt quod Iohannes de Lyndesay de Sleaford die Dominica proxima post festum Epiphanie insultum fecit Willelmo Ryland olyer de Veteri Lafford et ibidem dictum Willelmum verberauit wnerauit et male tractauit apud Sleaford contra pacem domini regis. (*Endorsed: Asward[hirn] prima.*)

[m. 19]

BOBY [GRAFFOE]

Inquisicio capta apud Grantham coram Radulfo Basset' et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis de pace in partibus de Kesteuen die Sabbati proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xliiij^{to} per sacramentum Willelmi de Tyddeswel' de Southhikham Iohannis Clerk de Welburn' Ricardi de Bradley de eadem Gilberti Blaak [sic] de Hermeston' Iohannis [?] de Leek de Colby Ricardi Prigeen de eadem Thome de Ryby de Wellingoure Iohannis filii Willelmi de Carleton' Henrici de de Wadmoton' Iohannis filii Thome de Welbourn' Roberti Auentrout de Nauenby Thome de Cotyngham de eadem.

107. Qui dicunt quod Willelmus Oyler' de Lafford die Mercurii [?] proximo post festum sancti Andree apostoli anno supradicto apud Nauenby Robertum fratrem Willelmi Smyth de Welbourn' verberavit et male tractavit et quod idem Willelmus est communis perturbator pacis etc.

108. Item dicunt quod Rogerus Mundayn de Aubourn' verberavit uulneravit et male tractavit Willelmum Smyth de Hadington' die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Luce ewangeliste anno supradicto apud Nauenby et contra pacem.

109. Item dicunt quod Willelmus seruiens Walteri de Stondon' de Colby quemdam Robertum de Cletham seruientem Hugonis de Swynford apud Colby die Iouis post festum sancte Marie Magdalene anno supradicto verberavit uulneravit et male tractavit et contra pacem.

110. Item dicunt quod Willelmus atte Nungarth' de Hermeston' insultum fecit Henrico Makaunter apud Hermeston' die Lune proximo post festum exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno supradicto.

111. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Martyn (finem fecit¹) de Welbourne [et] Walterus Martyn (finem fecit¹) insultum fecerunt Roberto seruienti Thome de Ryby in campo de Wadington' die Dominica proxima post festum apostolorum Philippi et Iacobi anno supradicto et per insultum eorum Iohannes de Mumby de Wellingore et Ricardus Alyson' de eadem vulneravit. (*Endorsed: Bobby [Graffoe] j.*)

[m. 20]

LOUEDON IJ^A

Inquisicio capta apud Grantham die Sabati proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xliiij^o coram Radulpho Baset' milite et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis in partibus de Kesteuen per sacramentum Thome Iurdan de Brandon' Hugonis Pynder de Ledenham Ade Dauby de Dodyngton' Ricardi Lord de Thorp' Roberti
 [illegible] Gilberti Bolet' de Haghham Petri Thurger

de Stubton Willelmi Carlton de Claypoll Thome Bole de eadem Iohannis Merston [*illegible*] Walteri Scapman de Sutton Elie Warde de Fulbek'.

112. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Willelmus Sudde (finem fecit¹) de Catthorpe carpentarius [cepit de] Thoma filio Matilde de Sugbrok' per tres dies xl d. et prandium contra statutum domini regis vnde in excessu ij s. iiij d.

113. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Couper de [*illegible*] carpentarius renuit laborare per dietas propter lucrum excessiuum et cepit de Willelmo de Burton de Sugbrok' vnum donum ingrossum [sic] vnde in excessu per estimacionem ij s.

J. C., carpenter, refused to work by the day, in order to get excess wages, and received from W. de B. a lump sum, whereby it is estimated that he had 2s. excess.

114. Item dicunt quod Galfridus Mason (finem fecit¹) de Normanton et Willelmus Lyon de eadem cementarii ceperunt de Roberto de Ledenham cappellano per duos dies ingrossum iiij s. et renuerunt laborare per dietas set excessus eiusdem per estimacionem ij s.

115. Item dicunt quod Thomas Hauenyld de Normanton et Adam Attonesende de Catthorpe cementarii ceperunt de Waltero at Boure de Sugbrok' pro duobus diebus xl d. et renuerunt laborare per dietas et excessus eiusdem per estimacionem xvij d.

116. Item dicunt quod Hugo Beumares (finem fecit¹) seruiens Ricardi Thorald de Merston capit pro liberacionibus suis mundum siliginis et frumentum vbi solebat capere siliginem et pisas secundum consuetudinem patrie et abebit [sic] pro stipendio suo hoc anno iiij s. iiij d. vnde in excessu xl d.

H. B., servant of R. T., took for his allowance rye and wheat, though he was accustomed to take rye and peas, according to the custom of the country, and he received as wages this year 4s. 4d., and thus had 40d. in excess.

117. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Nethird (finem fecit¹) et Ricardus de Colyngham (finem fecit¹) seruientes Ricardi Thorald de Merston capiunt pro liberacionibus suis mundum siliginis nolentes capere pisas contra statutum et consuetudinem ville sed excessus eiusdem a festo sancti Michelis vsque nunc per estimacionem xvij d.

118. Item dicunt quod Iohannes de Wyluby (finem fecit¹) de Merston et Robertus Scephird (finem fecit¹) seruientes Iohannis Trippolow rectoris ecclesie de Haghham capiunt mundum siliginis et frumenti renuentes capere pisas ad liberaciones suas contra statutum domini regis et consuetudinem patrie. Et excessus vtriusque eorum Iohannis et Roberti per estimacionem vnum quarterium siliginis precij vj s.

J. de W. and R. S., servants of the rector of Hougham, take rye and wheat for their allowances, refusing peas, contrary to the statute and the

custom of the country ; the excess of each of them is estimated at a quarter of rye worth 6s.

119. Item dicunt quod Iohannes de Branston' (finem fecit¹) seruiens eiusdem rectoris est similiter culpabilis nolens capere pisas pro liberacionibus suis vnde in excessu xl d.

120. Item dicunt quod Robertus Capon (finem fecit¹) seruiens Roberti at Hall de Merston non vlt capere pisarum sed siliginis mundum excessus eiusdem Roberti Capon xx d. a festo sancti Michelis vsque nunc.

121. Item dicunt quod Ricardus (finem fecit¹) seruiens Nicolai de Merston allocatus est hoc anno pro xx s. vbi deberet capere nisi x s. vnde in excessu x s.

122. Item dicunt quod Alicia Carlton' de Claypoll' vendit seruissiam per discos et non per mensuras et renuit vendere extra domum vnde in excessu vj d.

123. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Bocher de eadem vendit eodem modo vnde in excessu vj d.

124. Item dicunt quod Alicia Dowe de eadem facit eodem modo vnde in excessu iiij d.

125. Item dicunt quod Hugo filius Sibille facit eodem modo vnde in excessu vj d.

126. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Almot' de eadem facit eodem modo vnde in excessu iiij d.

127. Item dicunt quod Ricardus Seriaunt de Ledenham facit eodem modo vnde in excessu vj d.

128. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Derby de eadem facit eodem modo vnde in excessu vj d.

129. Item dicunt quod Willelmus de Careby de eadem facit eodem modo vnde in excessu vj d.

130. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Atte Lane (finem fecit¹) de Dodyngton' facit eodem modo vnde in excessu vj d.

131. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Attewell (finem fecit¹) de Dodyngton facit eodem modo vnde in excessu vj d. (*Endorsed: Loued[on] ij.*)

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LOUEDON PRIMA

Inquisicio capta apud Grantham die Sabati proximo post festum Epiphanie domini coram Radulfo Basset' milite et socijs suis iusticiariis domini regis in partibus de Kesteven' per sacramentum Ricardi Almot de Brandon' Iohannis de Merston' Roberti Hoght de Merston' Willelmi Foxworth de Ledenham Roberti Clerk de eadem Iacobi Breton' de Fulbek' Thome Haton' de eadem Iohannis Tebaude de Sudbroke Iohannis de Gilleforth de Brughton'

Iohannis Bret de Broughton' Roberti Boule de Fulbek' Ancelmi de Lincoln' de Stubton' et Iohannis atte Kirk' de Claypole.

132. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Willelmus Bell' de Brandon' et Willelmus Isok² de Dodyngton' felonice interfecerunt Adam Cok' de Brandon' apud Brandon' die Mercurii proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum Anglie xliij^o et similiter eundem Adam Cok' depredauerunt et de eo abstulerunt vnum baselardum precij duorum solidorum.

¹ One of the ten indicted of felony whose names do not appear on the *Coram Rege* rolls.

² See App. VII, p. 189. below.

133. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Grayne de Benyngton' die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi supradicto furtiue intrauit cameram Ricardi Holand de Benyngton' per fenestram et ibidem furatus est aurum ad valenciam xiiij solidorum et iiij denariorum et vnum quarterium baconis precij viij denariorum.

134. Item dicunt quod Henricus capellanus cantuarie de Bekyngham die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi xliij^o apud Bekyngham Iohannem Swynherd de Bekyngham maliciose contra pacem domini regis percussit cum baculo et verberauit ita quod postea infra quindenam obiit in campo de Codyngton'.

H., chaplain of the chantry of B., maliciously and against the king's peace struck J. S. with a stick in the field of Coddington and beat him, so that he died within a fortnight.

135. Item Willelmus consanguineus Iohannis de Neuton' rectoris ecclesie de Bekyngham felonice interfecit Iohannem Hawe de Bekyngham cum quodam baselardo apud Bekyngham die Martis proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi xliij^o.

136. Item dicunt quod Elienora filia Simonis Gilbert de Friston' fregit cameram Iohannis Crane de Friston' et ibidem furata est die Iouis proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie virginis anno regni regis Edwardi xli^{mo} xvij libras iiij solidos x denarios et obolum argenti in denariis numeratis et dictum argentum remansit in manerio de Katthorpe quod manerium Ricardus de Rauensere archideaconus Lincoln' habet ad firmam de domino Willelmo de Wykam episcopo Wyncestrie.¹

Eleanor, daughter of S. G., broke into the chamber of J. C. and there stole £17 4s. 10½d. in numbered coins, and the said money was left in the manor of Caythorpe, which the archdeacon of Lincoln holds at farm of the bishop of Winchester.

¹ See App. VIII, p. 189, below.

137. Item dicunt quod Iohannes atte Halle de Bekyngham' furatus est felonice apud Bekyngham ij iuuenulos precij vj solidorum viij denariorum die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini in

yeme anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xxxix^o de Roberto filio Andree de Fenton'.

¹ In Hilary term, 1377, he was tried in the King's Bench on an indictment for homicide before the coroner in 1371 and produced a pardon (see K.B. 27 464. Rex m. 1).

138. Item dicunt quod Willelmus filius Iohannis Howman furatus est felonice apud Bekyngnam duo retia precij v solidorum de Roberto Carleton' de Claipole die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi post conquestum xliij^o. (*Endorsed: Loued[on] j.*)

[m. 22]

WYN[NIBRIGGS] IIJ^A

Inquisicio capta apud Grantham die Sabbati proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xl^oiiij^o coram domino Andrea Loterell et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis de pace in partibus de Kesteuen' in comitatu Lincoln' per sacramentum Thome Bygot' de Grantham Ricardi Symund' de eadem Roberti Scharpe de eadem Iohannis de Clyff de eadem Henrici Heryng' de eadem Roberti de Wellagh' de eadem Ricardi Austyn de eadem Rogeri de Scoter de eadem Roberti de Beauner [?] de eadem Hugonis de Barston' de eadem Iohannis Makauntre Willelmi Aylemer de eadem et Iohannis de Newerk de eadem iuratorum.

139. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Robertus Forster seruiens Iohannis de Botheby militis die Sabbati proximo post festum Ascensionis domini anno xl^oiiij^o apud Grantham felonice interfecit Willelmum de Brygeford de Grantham contra pacem.

140. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Bolle de Systhon' Thomas Hobard et Iohannes Lewyn de Honyate [?] communes sunt regratarii frumenti et aliorum bladorum contra statutum.

141. Item quod Emma (finem fecit¹) vxor Iohannis othe Hap de Grantham Iohanna (finem fecit¹) vxor Roberti Barbour in foro Alicia (finem fecit¹) vxor Ricardi Peyntour Margeria (finem fecit¹) Thomas (finem fecit¹) Spylleman Alexander (finem fecit¹) de Wellynghore de Grantham brasiauerunt et vendiderunt per discos siue ciphos [?] [et non] per mensuras sigillatas.

142. Item dicunt quod Robertus de Keleby de Grantham (finem fecit¹) Stephanus Barbur (finem fecit¹) Willelmus Cuff (finem fecit¹) fissher et Thomas Hosteler (finem fecit¹) tiplauerunt et vendiderunt in foris supradictis contra assissam.

143. Item dicunt quod hostelarij Bawdewini de Haryngton' Rogeri de Scoter Nicholai de Scottilthorpe (finem fecit¹) de Grantham vendiderunt contra assissam anno xliij^o.

144. Item dicunt quod Robertus de Repynghale (finem fecit¹) carpentarius de Grantham iniuste cepit de Iohanne de Newerk mercedem suam contra statutum operariorum videlicet vj d. in die cum mensa.

In cuius rei testimonium sigilla iuratorum presentibus sunt appensa. Data apud Grantham die et loco suprascriptis. (*Endorsed*: Wyn[nibriggs] iij.)

[m. 23]

WYN[NIBRIGGS] ET THREHOGHE IJ^A

Inquisicio capta apud Grantham coram Radulfum [sic] Bassett' et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis in partibus de Kestheuen die Sabati proximo post festum Epiphanie anno regni regis nunc xliiij^o per sacramentum Alani filii Radulfi de Gunordby Iohannis Brid' de eadem Iohannis Lewyn de Honington' Thome Iegur de Herlaxston Thome de Herford Roberti de Paunton' Iohannis Pacy de Belton' Rogeri Friday de eadem Roberti de Braunston' de Denton' Iohannis Gybbe de Paunton' Iohannis Attepersons de Roppeslee et Thome Curson de Alyngton'.

145. Qui dicunt quod Ricardus Emson de Herlaxston de Alyngton' furauit vnum equum precij x s. Alani filii Radulfi apud Gunordby die Veneris proximo ante festum sancti Martini anno regni regis nunc xliiij^o.¹

¹ See no. 161, below.

146. Item dicunt quod Matilda Attehall' (finem fecit¹) de Barkeston' braciauit et vendit [sic] contra assisam cum mensuris non mensuratis sigillo domini feodi summa excessus eius viij d.

M. A. brews and sells against the assize, in measures not sealed with the seal of the lord of the fief, her excess profit amounting to 8d.

147. Item dicunt quod Katerina (finem fecit alibi¹) de Somerby de Gunordby braciauit et vendidit contra assisam cum mensuris non mensuratis summa excessus eius viij d.

148. Item dicunt quod Iohanna Milner de eadem braciauit et vendidit cum mensuris non mensuratis summa excessus eius viij d.

149. Item dicunt quod Emma de Markham de eadem braciauit et vendidit contra assisam cum mensuris non mensuratis summa excessus eius viij d.

150. Item dicunt quod Margareta vxor Iohannis Watson de Gunordby braciauit et vendidit contra assisam cum mensuris non mensuratis summa excessus eius vj d.

151. Item dicunt quod Agnes vxor Alani filii Radulfi de eadem braciauit et vendidit contra assisam cum [mensuris] non mensuratis summa excessus eius iij d.

152. Item dicunt quod Maieria Cantyng de eadem braciauit et vendidit contra assisam cum mensuris non mensuratis summa excessus eius iij d.

153. Item dicunt quod Isabel Bek de Syston' braciauit et vendidit contra assisam cum mensuris non mensuratis summa excessus eius viij d.

154. Item dicunt quod Margareta Milner de eadem braciauit et vendidit contra assisam cum mensuris non mensuratis summa excessus eius viij d.

155. Item dicunt quod Margareta (finem fecit¹) vxor
. . . . hard de Honigton' [sic] braciauit et vendidit contra assisam summa excessus eius vj d.

156. Item dicunt quod Alicia de Bernby (finem fecit¹) de eadem braciauit et vendidit contra assisam summa excessus eius vj d.

157. Item dicunt quod Iohanna (Ey bre¹) vxor Thome Curson de Alyngton' braciauit et vendidit contra assisam summa excessus eius iij d.

158. Item dicunt quod Iohanna (Ey¹) de Goldesborough [?] de Alyngton' braciauit et vendidit contra assisam summa excessus eius iiij d.

159. Item dicunt quod Iohanna (Ey¹) vxor Rogeri in the bern de eadem braciauit et vendidit contra assisam cum mensuris non mensuratis summa excessus eius iiij d.

160. Item dicunt quod Agnes (Ey¹) Syssyng [?] de eadem braciauit et vendidit contra assisam cum mensuris non mensuratis summa excessus eius iij d.

In cuius rei testimonium huic presentacioni in dicto anno sigilla nostra apposuimus. (*Endorsed: Wyn[nibriggs] ij.*)

[*m. 24*]

WYN[NIBRIGGS] PRIMA

(*Marg: Wyn[nibriggs]*).

Inquisicio apud Grantham die Sabbati proximo post festum Epiphanie domini coram Radulpho Bassett' de Sappekote et sociis suis iusticiariis domini regis de pace in partibus de Kesteuen assignatis per sacramentum Radulphi de Kelby Iohannis de Brandon' Iohannis de Saptou' Thome de Barneby Iohanni dil Grene Iohannis Fox Iohannis filii Andree Thome Adamson' de Welby Roberti Gaunt' Symonis Hykman Gilberti Messager et Willelmi filii Iohannis.

161. Qui dicunt quod Ricardus Emmeson' de Herlaston' de Alyngton' die Veneris proximo ante festum sancti Martini apud Gonwordby anno regni regis nunc xliij^{to} furatus fuit vnum equum precij x s. de Alano filio Radulphi de Gonwordby.¹

¹ See no. 145, above.

162. Item dicunt quod Willelmus filius Iohannis Greyne de Ingoldesby die Dominica in festo Pentecostes anno regni regis nunc xliiij^{to} furtive cepit vnum equum precij x s. de Alano Sherman de Homby apud Hvmbly.

163. Item dicunt quod Thomas Billekk' de Denton' die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Thome apostoli anno regni regis nunc xliiij^{to} furtive cepit vnum bidentem precij xvj d. apud Denton' de Ricardo Watson' de Herlaston'.

[*The last three entries (161-163) are bracketed together with the word felonia in the margin.*]

164. Item dicunt quod Robertus Martyn de Barston' (non culpabilis¹) die Dominica in vigilia Epiphanie domini anno regni regis nunc xliiij^{to} apud Barston' insultum fecit cum quodam cultello contra pacem domini regis super Iohannem Andreuson' constabularium et predictum Iohannem minavit ad interficiendum ita quod non ausus fuit ad propriam domum suam transire.

R. M. assaulted J. A., the constable, with a knife, against the king's peace, and threatened to kill him, so that he dared not depart to his own house.

165. Item dicunt quod Thomas Plougou' de Aneastre (habet diem¹) Willelmus Pyper (habet diem¹) Iohannes de Lyndwod de Wyllefeld (habet diem¹) sunt braciatores ceruisie et vendiderunt contra assisam annis regni regis nunc xliij^o et xliiij^{to}.

166. Item dicunt quod Agnes Gerard de Gonwordby (finem fecit¹) Thomas Milner (finem fecit¹) de eadem Katerina de Somerby [?] (finem fecit¹) de eadem Emma de Markham (finem fecit¹) de eadem Iohannes Watson' senior (finem fecit¹) de eadem sunt braciatores ceruisie et vendiderunt contra assisam anno regni regis nunc xliiij^{to}.

167. Item dicunt quod Edwardus Bakester (finem fecit¹) de Aseby Iohanna de Horton (finem fecit¹) de Aseby Willelmus Forester (habet diem ad breue tulendum¹) de Welby sunt brasiatores ceruisie et vendiderunt contra assisam.

In cuius rei testimonium huic inquisicioni predicti iuratores sigilla sua apposuerunt. Data apud Grantham die Sabbati proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis nunc xliiij^{to}. (*Endorsed: Wyn[nibriggs] j.*)

[*Entries 164-167 are bracketed together with the word transgressio in the margin.*]

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BOBY [GRAFFOE] II⁴

Inquisicio capta apud Grantham die Sabbati proximo post festum Epiphanie anno regni regis Edwardi terciij a conquestu

quadragesimo quarto per sacramentum Iohannis de Welleborne Willelmi de Tiddeswell Thome de Hikham Iohannis de Leek Ricardi de Bradelay Ricardi Prig . . . de Wellebourne Iohannis filii Thome de eadem Henrici Wright de eadem Gilberti Blake Thome de Ryby [?] Roberti Aunterhus Thome de ingham de Botheby Thome de Casthorpe et Iohannis Williamson de Carleton et Iohannis Haukyn de ston'.

168. Qui dicunt quod Iohannes capellanus venit apud Colby in festo natiuitatis beate Marie virginis anno supradicto et ibidem insultum fecit Thome de constabulario ville eiusdem et ipsum vellet mactauisse cum quodam gladio et noluit arestari per Iohannem et eciam ipsum vellet similiter necasse contra pacem ita quod

J., a chaplain, came to Coleby and there assaulted the constable of the town and tried to kill him with a sword and he resisted arrest by J. and tried to kill him also.

169. Item dicunt quod de Wadyngton non vult iusticiari nec iurare ad tenendum statutum per constabularios

170. Item dicunt quod de Meer de Wadyngton' conduxit quemdam Willelmum ad seruiendum a festo sancti Petri aduincula anno vsque festum sancti Michelis archangeli pro tresdecim solidis

171. Item dicunt quod Iohannes de (finem fecit¹) capellanus de Wadyngton' conduxit Petronium Fletwoottes [?] de eadem.

172. Item dicunt quod est forstallarius bladorum.

173. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Flexhewor (finem fecit¹) de Nauenby carnifex vendidit carnes pro excessiuo lucro.

174. Item dicunt quod Iohannes (finem fecit¹) de Hunyngton' et Symon Man (vj s. finem fecit¹) de eadem carnifex vendiderunt carnes pro excessiuis lucris [?].

175. Item dicunt quod Thomas byng (finem fecit¹) de insultum fecit Willelmo Smyth de eadem in Nauenby die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno xliij^o et ipsum verberauit [et] vulnerauit

176. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Makauntere (finem fecit¹) de Welleborne et Galfridus Makauntere (finem fecit¹) de eadem insultum fecerunt verberauerunt et vulnerauerunt
 apud Wellebourne die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Barneby apostoli anno xliiij^o apud Wellebourne.

177. Item dicunt quod Willelmus [Makauntere ?] Galfridum Makauntere in campis de Welyngore die Dominica proxima post festum sancti apostoli

178. Item dicunt quod
 de Wadyngton' Willelmus Emmeson (finem fecit¹) de eadem Willelmus Stephanus (finem fecit¹)
 et quod non vendunt per mensuras signatas et eciam renuerunt vendere ceruisiam extra domos suas.

179. Item dicunt quod
 de Nauenby piscenarius vendit pisces pro excessiuo lucro.

180. Item dicunt quod Ricardus et
 de eadem de Banneburn de eadem
 de eadem braciauerunt et vendiderunt
 non vendunt per mensuras signatas.

181. Item dicunt quod magister Iohannes de Welyngore (finem fecit¹) braciator vendidit contra assisam

182. Item dicunt quod (ad patriam non est culpabilis¹) de Nauenby est rebellis et non vult iusticiari [?] per constabularios.

183. Item dicunt quod [refutat] libera[cionem . . .] secundum vsum patrie videlicet frumentum et pisas sed in loco pisarum vult omnino habere siliginem.
 refuses the customary allowance of wheat and peas and demands all rye in place of peas.

184. Item dicunt quod
 de Welyngore exiuit de villa predicta
 pro excessiuo salario (excessiuum salarium vj s. viij d.¹) capiendo

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HUNDREDUM DE SLEFORD

Inquisicio capta apud Nouam Lafford coram Radulfo Basset milite et socijs suis die Lune in festo sancti Hillarii anno regni regis Edwardi tercij a conquestu Anglie quadragesimo quarto per sacramentum Willelmi de Lessyngton Willelmi in The Croftes Roberti Benet Thome Edward Petri Thome Turnour [?] de Folkyngham Radulfi Wytbarne Iohannis Oliuer Hugonis Gerard Ricardi Bygot et Willelmi Aubray.

185. Qui dicunt quod Thomas de Sylkeby apud Nouam Lafford die Iouis proximo ante [?] festum

sancti Wulfrani [?] anno regni regis Edwardi tercij a conquestu Anglie quadragesimo quarto furtiue furatus fuit vnum mazerium precij octo solidorum.

186. Item dicunt quod Robertus filius Roberti Attehalle de Southornsby in le Waltermilne Noue Lafford die Mercurii in festo sancti Dyonisii martiris anno regni regis Edwardi tercij a conquestu Anglie quadragesimo quarto furtiue furatus fuit nouem vlnas panni lanci de Iohanne de Saxtum precij sex solidorum.

187. Item dicunt quod de Thurlby sa in campo Noue Lafford die Veneris proximo ante festum sancti Mathei apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi tercij a conquestu Anglie quadragesimo quarto furtiue furatus fuit vnum bussellum London' ordei de Iohanne de Paunton' capellano precij decem denariorum.

188. Item dicunt quod Robertus quondam seruiens Willelmi de La Laund de Askeby apud Sleaford felonice die Lune ante festum sancti Laurencij anno regni regis Edwardi tercij a conquestu Anglie tricesimo quarto interfecit Iohannem de Barkeworth de Braceby.

189. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Warner de Noua Lafford est communis noctiuagax contra pacem et de die in diem ad bonum apparatus et victum et vestitum et nichil habet in bonis in terris nec tenementis.

W. W. is a common night-walker against the peace, and daily has good equipment, and victuals, and clothes, and yet has neither goods, lands, nor tenements.

190. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Barker de Noua Lafford est communis affraiator pacis et communis noctiuagax contra pacem.

191. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Riland (finem fecit¹) de Veteri Lafford est communis transgressor et affraiator pacis et communis noctiuagax contra pacem [et non] vlt iustificari per constabularium sed rebellis [est].

W. R. is a common trespasser and affrayer of the peace and a common night-walker, and will not obey the constable but is disobedient.

192. Item dicunt quod Robertus Broun de Iwardby [et] Hugo Oky de Houell' sunt communes forstallatores frumenti in foris de Sleaford Grantham [et] Nauenby per quod frumentum est maius carum ad graue dampnum populi. (*Endorsed: Sleaford.*)

R. B. and H. O. are common forestallers of wheat in the markets of Sleaford, Grantham, and Navenby, whereby wheat is much dearer, to the damage of the people.

[*The last two membranes are so damaged and obliterated as to be indecipherable.*]

APPENDIX TO ROLL K

I

Trial before justices of Gaol Delivery of Ralph, son of Peter de Morton, on indictment at the sheriff's tourn for an offence for which he had also been indicted before justices of the peace (p. 160, no. 28, above): Lincoln castle, February 27th, 1372 (J.I. 3/159, m. 5, last entry). The justices of Gaol Delivery were John de Cavendish and Thomas de Ingelby.

Marg: LINCOLN'

Radulfus filius Petri de Morton' captus pro eo quod ipse die Iouis proximo ante quadragesimam anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo quinto¹ venit ad domum Philippi Drapour de Morton' et ibidem felonice cameram predicti Philippi fregit et duos nobulos² ipsius Philippi ibidem furtive furatus fuit et asportavit. Et eciam Willelmus Benet captus pro eo quod ipse furtive depredavit unde coram vicecomite indictati sunt veniunt per custodem gaole ducti et per iusticiarios separatim allocuti qualiter se velint de felonis predictis sibi impositis acquietare dicunt separatim quod ipsi in nullo sunt inde culpabiles et de hoc de bono et malo ponunt se super patriam. Ideo fiat inde iurata. Iuratores ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicti Radulfus et Willelmus in nullo sunt culpabiles de felonis predictis nec vnquam se retraxerunt occasione predicta. Et ipsi eant inde quieti. Set quia testatum est quod predictus Radulfus indictatus est coram custodibus pacis et [sic] aliis felonis etc. ideo idem Radulfus remittitur prisone vsque ad proximam deliberacionem etc.

Ralph de Morton's name does not appear in the records of subsequent gaol deliveries at Lincoln, on September 24th, 1372 (J.I. 3/159), February 25th and March 4th, 1373 (J.I. 3/157), and March 6th, 1375 (J.I. 3/162). He was put in exigent in the King's Bench in Easter term, 1376 (K.B. 27/461, Rex m. 25), for failure to appear there in respect of his indictment before the justices of the peace.

¹ The date given in no. 28 is exactly a week earlier.

² Two nobles amounted to 13s. 4d. The sum specified in no. 28 is 54 3s. 4d.

II

(i) Trial before justices of Gaol Delivery of Ralph Holk and Walter Patte, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 164, no. 54, above): Lincoln castle, July 25th, 1371 (J.I. 3/159, m. 4d.). The

justices of Gaol Delivery were John de Carendish and Thomas de Ingelby.

Marg: LINCOLN

Radulfus Holk de Morton' et Walterus Patte de eadem capti pro eo quod ipsi die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis nunc Anglie xxix^{no} furtive ceperunt de Thoma Saresson de Pyncebek apud Hacombibrigg ij quarteria ordeï precij x s. [*There follows the indictment of Walter Barker, see below, III.*] vnde coram custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Kesteuen' indictati sunt veniunt per vicecomitem ducti et per iusticiarios singillatim allocuti qualiter de felonis predictis se velint acquietare dicunt singillatim quod ipsi in nullo sunt inde culpabiles et de hoc de bono et malo ponunt se super patriam. Ideo veniat inde iurata. Iuratores ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicti Radulfus et alii in nullo sunt culpabiles de felonis predictis nec vnquam se retraxerunt occasionibus predictis. Ideo ipsi eant inde quieti. (*Marg:* Quietus non subtraxerunt.)

(ii) *Trial in the King's Bench of Ralph Holk and Walter Patte on the same indictment: Easter, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/461 Rex m. 10).*

Marg: LINCOLN'

Alias coram Radulfo Basset de Sapcote et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Kesteuen' in comitatu Lincoln' extitit presentatum quod Radulfus Holk de Morton' et Walterus Patte de eadem die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis nunc vicesimo nono furtive ceperunt de Thoma Sarreson' de Pyncebek apud Hacumbybrygg' duo quarteria ordeï precij decem solidorum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eos si etc. Et modo scilicet die Lune proximo post tres septimanas Pasche isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venerunt predicti Radulfus et Walterus postquam positi fuerunt in exigendo et reddiderunt se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committuntur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ducti veniunt et allocuti sunt separatim qualiter de felonis predicta se velint acquietare. Dicunt separatim quod ipsi in nullo sunt inde culpabiles et de hoc ponunt se super patriam. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege a die sancte Trinitatis in xv dies vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et super hoc veniunt Thomas de Pyncebek Iohannes de Repynghale iunior Iohannes de Sadyngton' et Willelmus de Stathern' et manucapiunt pro predictis Radulfo Holk et Waltero Patte habendi corpora eorum coram domino rege ad prefatum terminum etc. Et sic de die in diem quousque etc. (*Marg:* Manucaptors.)

Postea scilicet termino Pasche anno regni regis nunc Anglie quinquagesimo primo coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium veniunt predicti Radulfus et Walterus per manucepcionem predictam et dicunt separatim quod dominus rex pardonavit eis sectam pacis sue que ad ipsos pertinet pro omnimodis feloniiis exceptis etc. per literas suas patentes quas proferunt hic in curia in hec verba videlicet predictus Radulfus in hec verba. [*General pardon, dated April 16th, 51 Edward III.*] Et predictus Walterus in hec verba [*Similar pardon, dated April 15th.*] Quarum pretextu predicti Radulfus et Walterus petunt ipsos a prisona domini regis deliberari etc.

III

(i) *Trial before justices of Gaol Delivery of Walter Barker, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 165, no. 62, above): Lincoln castle July 25th, 1371 (J.I. 3,159, m. 4d.). The justices of Gaol Delivery were John de Cavendish and Thomas de Ingelby.*

Marg: LINCOLN

..... Et eciam Walterus Barker de Poynton' captus pro eo quod ipse die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis nunc Anglie xliii^{to} domum Willelmi Coke de Newton' apud Poynton' fregit noctanter et fabas et pisas ibidem inuentas in garbis et extra garbas ad valenciam x s. cepit et abduxit vnde coram iusticiariis pacis domini regis in partibus de Kesteuen' indictati sunt. (*For trial and acquittal, see II (i), above.*)

(ii) *Trial in the King's Bench of Walter Barker on the same indictment: Trinity, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27 462. Rex m. 11).*

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Radulfo Basset de Sapcote et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Kesteuen' in comitatu Lincoln' extitit presentatum quod Walterus Barker de Poynton' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo quarto domum Willelmi Coke de Newton' apud Poynton' fregit noctanter et fabas et pisas ibidem inuentas in garbis et extra garbas ad valenciam decem solidorum furtive cepit et abduxit. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia certis de causis postea coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum si etc. Et modo scilicet die Iouis proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc Anglie quinquagesimo coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Walterus et reddidit se prisona Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de felonia predicta se velit acquitare.

Dicit quod ipse alias coram custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Kesteuen' de feloniis predictis extitit indietatus et hiis occasionibus captus et gaole castris domini regis Lincoln' mancipatus. Et postea coram Thoma de Ingelby et Iohanne de Cauendissh nuper iusticiariis domini regis ad gaolam illam de prisonibus deliberandam assignatis die Veneris in festo sancti Iacobi apostoli anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo quinto de feloniis predictis allocutus et per iuratum patrie in quam inde se posuit de feloniis predictis extitit acquietatus. Et inde vocat recordum rotulorum prefatorum iusticiariorum de tempore predicto quod quidem recordum alias scilicet termino Pasche vltimo preterito inter cetera missum fuit coram domino rege in hec verba. Deliberacio gaole castris regis Lincoln' facta ibidem coram Thoma de Ingelby et Iohanne de Cauendissh iusticiariis domini regis ad gaolam illam deliberandam assignatis die Veneris in festo sancti Iacobi apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum xlv^{to}. Walterus Barker de Poynton' captus pro eo quod [There follows the account of the trial, as in II (i), above.]

Et viso et examinato recordo acquietancie predicte consideratum est quod predictus Walterus eat inde sine die etc. (Marg: Sine die.)

IV

Trial in the King's Bench of John Thorp on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 165, no. 65, above): Hilary, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27 (460. Rex m. 26d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Radulfo Basset de Sapcote et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis comitatus predicti in partibus de Kesteuen' extitit presentatum quod Iohannes Thorpe de Repyngdale die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Swithuni anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo tercio cepit de Thoma Kettill de Hacumby apud Repyngdale septem libras tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios contra pacem etc. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia certis de causis coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Per quod preceptum est vicecomiti quod venire faceret eum etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis purificationis beate Marie isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Iohannes in propria persona sua et allocutus est qualiter de premissis sibi impositis se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis. Et de hoc ponit se super patriam.

Et Thomas de Shardelowe qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod predictus Iohannes Thorpe culpabilis est de premissis super ipsum presentatis. Et hoc pro domino rege offert verificare etc. Et predictus Iohannes Thorpe similiter. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege a die Pasche in xv dies vbicumque etc. Et

qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et super hoc idem Iohannes de Thorp ponit loco suo Thomam Bulcote versus dominum regem in placito predicto.

No further record of the case has been found.

V

Trial in the King's Bench of John Soly, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 163, no. 75, above): Michaelmas, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/463, Rex m. 2).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Radulfo Basset de Sapeote et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Kesteuen' extitit presentatum quod Iohannes Soly de Dembleby bercarius die Lune proximo post festum sancti Dunstani episcopi anno regni nunc Anglie quadragesimo quarto in campis de Birthorpe felonice furatus fuit viginti et duos bidentes precij quadraginta solidorum qui fuerunt Iohannis de Burne de Spanby Andree de Spaldyng et Willelmi Wyot de Spanby. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia certis de causis coram eo venire fecit terminandum etc. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis sancti Michelis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Iohannes Soly et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de feloniam predictam se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege a die sancti Hillarii in xv dies vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Et super hoc veniunt Willelmus Bernak chiuales Iohannes de Rousby clericus Robertus Isham et Simon de Kegworth' et manucapiunt pro predicto Iohanne Soly habendi corpus eius coram domino rege ad prefatum terminum etc. et sic de die in diem quousque etc. (*Marg:* Manucaptores.) Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Iohannes per manucapcionem predictam. Et vicecomes retornat nomina iuratorum quorum nullus etc. Ideo iurata predicta posita fuit in respectum coram domino rege virtute breuis domini regis iusticiariis hic directi de iurata predicta per breue de Nisi prius capienda vsque a die Pasche in xv dies vbicumque etc. [*The writ of Nisi Prius follows.*]

Ad quam quidem quindenam Pasche coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Iohannes per manucapcionem predictam. Et predictus Thomas coram quo etc. misit recordum veredicti iurate predictete coram eo habite in hec verba. Postea die et loco infracontentis coram prefato Thoma de Ingelby associato

sibi Willelmo Bussy chiualer per formam statuti etc. venit predictus Iohannes Soly per manucapcionem predictam. Et proclamacione inde facta si quis pro domino rege in hac parte prosequi aut informare voluerit et nullus etc. Et iuratores super premissis electi triati et iurati similiter veniunt qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Iohannes Soly in nullo est culpabilis de feloniam infracontenta nec vnquam se inde retraxit. Ideo consideratum est quod predictus Iohannes Soly eat inde quietus etc. (*Marg: Quietus nec retraxit.*)

VI

Indictment and trial in the King's Bench of Richard Parys (p. 169, no. 93, above): *Michaelmas, 1376, at Westminster* (K.B. 27/463, *Rex m.* 6).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentauerunt quod Ricardus filius Thome Parys de Lauyngton' xij die mensis Septembris anno regni regis nunc quadragesimo primo felonice occidit Iohannem of the Place de Kyseby apud Kyseby.¹ Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatum Ricardum si etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis sancti Michelis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Ricardus per breue de exigendo et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de morte predicta se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde de bono et malo ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum. Et interim predictus Ricardus filius Thome remittitur prisone in custodia Ricardi de Imworth Marescalli etc. (*Marg: Marescallo.*) Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Ricardus filius Thome in custodia Marescalli et vicecomes retornat nomina iuratorum quorum nullus etc. Ideo iurata predicta posita fuit in respectum coram domino rege virtute breuis domini regis iusticiariis hic directi de iurata predicta per breue de Nisi prius capienda vsque a die Pasche in xv dies vbicumque etc. [*The writ of Nisi Prius follows.*]

Ad quam quidem quindenam Pasche coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Ricardus filius Thome de Parys in custodia Marescalli. Et predictus Thomas coram quo etc. misit recordum veredicti iurate predictae coram eo habite in hec verba. Postea die et loco infracontentis coram prefato Thoma de Ingelby associato sibi Willelmo Bussy chiualer per formam

statuti etc. venit predictus Ricardus filius Thome Parys per manucepcionem suam predictam. Et proclamacione inde facta si quis pro domino rege prosequi aut informare voluerit etc. Et nullus etc. Et iuratores super premissis electi triati et iurati similiter veniunt qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Ricardus filius Thome in nullo est culpabilis de feloniam infracontenta nec vnquam se inde retraxit. Et dicunt quod predictus Ricardus filius Thome die quo in exigendo positus fuit² nulla habuit bona nec catalla. Ideo consideratum est quod predictus Ricardus filius Thome eat inde quietus etc.

¹The offence is the same as that of which Parys was indicted before justices of the peace, but there is a discrepancy as to the date.

²He was put in exigend in Easter term, 1376 (K.B. 27 461, Rex m. 25).

VII

Trial before justices of Gaol Delivery of William Isok, imprisoned on an appeal, and indicted before justices of the peace (p. 175, no. 132, above): Lincoln castle, July 25th, 1371 (J.I. 3, 159, m. 4d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Willelmus Isok de Dodyngton' captus ad sectam Iohanne que fuit vxor Ade Cok de Brandon' pro eo quod ipse et Willelmus Bell de Brandon' felonice interfecerunt predictum Adam virum suum apud Brandon' die Martis proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc Anglie xliij^{to} vnde eadem Iohanna ipsum Willelmum appellat et inuenit plegios de prosecutione scilicet Iohannem Almot de Brandon' et Willelmum Belle de eadem. Et modo coram prefatis iusticiariis hic venit predictus Willelmus Isok per custodem gaole ductus et predicta Iohanna licet solempniter vocata non venit. Ideo ipsa capiatur et plegii sui de prosecutione in misericordia. Et predictus Willelmus quo ad sectam ipsius Iohanne eat quietus set quo ad sectam domini regis instanter allocutus est qualiter de feloniam predicta se velit acquietare dicit quod in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc de bono et malo ponit se super patriam. Ideo veniat inde iurata. Iuratores ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis de morte predicta set se retraxit occasione predicta. Ideo ipse eat sine die. Catalla eius xld. vnde villata de Dodyngton' domino regi respondebit. (*Marg:* Ad sectam pacis quietus subtraxit catalla xld.)

In Easter term, 1376 (K.B. 27 461, Rex m. 25), Isok was put in exigend in the King's Bench for his failure to appear there in respect of his indictment before the justices of the peace.

VIII

(i) *Indictments in the King's Bench in connection with a theft by Eleanor, daughter of Simon Gilberd, and the disposal of the stolen*

money (p. 175, no. 136, above) : *Michaelmas*, 1375, at *Lincoln* (K.B. 27/459, *Rex m.* 16).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentauerunt quod Elianora filia Simonis Gilberd de Freston' iuxta Catthorp' die Dominica in Ramis Palmarum anno regni regis nunc Anglie tricesimo octauo domum Iohannis Crane de Freston' felonice apud Freston' fregit et septemdecim libras in pecunia numerata predicti Iohannis ibidem inuenta felonice furata fuit.¹ Item presentant quod Robertus de Staunesby de Freston' dicto die et anno et loco recepit predictam Elianoram sciens ipsam esse felonem et feloniam predictam fecisse. Pro quo quidem receptamento predictus Robertus captus fuit et in ceppis positus die Lune proximo sequente apud Catthorp' per Iohannem Bolour et Iohannem Sharpp' tunc constabularios ville predictae. Et super hoc venerunt Iohannes Breton' de Fulbek et Adam de Manfeld de Brasbrigge balliui domini regis in wappentaco de Louedon' et manuceperunt pro predicto Roberto habendi corpus eius coram iusticiariis de deliberacione gaole domini regis Lincoln' apud Lincoln' ad proximam deliberacionem tunc sequentem etc. Postea die Martis tunc proxime sequente predictus Robertus sciens ipsum esse manucaptum pro predicta felonia fugijt et habuit bona et catalla dicto die capcionis sue ad valenciam triginta solidorum vnde villata de Catthorp' tenetur domini regi respondere.

Item presentant quod Iohannes Aleyn tunc balliuus de manerio de Catthorp' dicto die Lune proximo post diem Dominicam in Ramis Palmarum anno tricesimo octauo supradicto apud Freston' cepit de predicta Elianora predictas septemdecim libras ad opus domini regis sciens predictas septemdecim libras esse furatas qui quidem denarii nunc sunt in manibus domini Willelmi Bardolf domini de Catthorp' tamquam catalla forisfacta et ad dominum regem pertinentes vnde predictus Willelmus Bardolf tenetur domino regi respondere. (*Marg:* Bardolf. Catthorp'.)

(ii) *Trial in the King's Bench of William Bardolf in connection with the disposal of the stolen money; Michaelmas, 1376, at Westminster* (K.B. 27/463, *Rex m.* 22).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadagesimo nono coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentauerunt quod Alienora filia Simonis Gilberd de Freston' iuxta Catthorpe die Dominica in Ramis Palmarum anno regni regis nunc Anglie

tricesimo octavo domum Iohannis Crane de Freston' felonice apud Freston' fregit et septemdecim libras in pecunia numerata predicti Iohannis ibidem inuentas felonice furata fuit. Et quod Iohannes Aleyn tunc balliuus de manerio de Catthorpe die Lune proximo post diem Dominicam in Ramis Palmarum anno supradicto apud Freston cepit de predicta Alianora predictas septemdecim libras ad opus domini regis sciens predictas septemdecim libras esse furatas qui quidem denarii nunc sunt in manibus domini Willelmi Bardolf domini de Catthorpe tamquam catalla forisfacta et ad dictum Ricardum pertinent unde predictus Willelmus tenetur domino regi respondere.

Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod venire faceret predictum Willelmum etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis sancti Michelis coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Willelmus per attornatum suum et quesitum est ab eo si quid pro se habeat vel dicere sciat quare de denariis predictis erga dominum regem onerari non debeat qui dicit quod predicta Alianora cepit predictas septemdecim libras de predicto Iohanne Crane et predictus Iohannes Cran recenter et instanter prosecutus fuit predictam Alianoram et predictos denarios tamquam catalla sua propria de prefata Alianora cepit et postea quia predictus Iohannes Crane denarios predictos in domo sua propria custodire non audebat denarios predictos prefato Iohanni Aleyn tradidit custodiendos sibi ad libitum suum rehabendos absque hoc quod predictus Iohannes Aleyn cepit denarios predictos ad opus domini regis seu denarii predicti ad manus predicti Willelmi Bardolf vnquam deuenire prout superius presentatum est et hoc paratus est verificare per patriam etc.

Et Thomas de Shardelowe qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod predicta Alianora felonice furata fuit predictas septemdecim libras et quod predictus Iohannes Aleyn cepit de predicta Alianora denarios predictos ad opus domini regis et quod denarii predicti ad manus predicti Willelmi Bardolf deuenire prout superius presentatum est et hoc pro domino rege offert verificare etc. Et predictus Willelmus Bardolf similiter. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc.

No further reference to this case has been found on the coram Rege rolls. For a discussion of the case, see Introduction, p. lxi. chapter VI.

¹ She was put in exigend in the King's Bench in Easter term, 1376 (K.B. 27/461, Rex m. 25).

ROLL KK

(Assize Roll 531)

KESTEVEN

[*m. 1*]

LINCOLN' KESTEVEN'

Dominus Rex mandauit Gilberto de Vmframuill, comiti de Angos et sociis suis commissionem suam vt inferius patet in hec verba.

Edwardus dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie dilectis et fidelibus suis Gilberto de Vmframuill' Comiti de Angos Iohanni de Cauendisshe Thome de Ingelby Rogero de Meres Roberto de Wylughby Roberto de Roos seniori Henrico Asty Thome Cleymond et Thome de Pyncebek salutem. Sciatis quod assignauimus vos coniunctim et diuisim ad pacem nostram necnon ad statuta apud Wynton' Norht' et Westmonasterium pro conseruacione pacis eiusdem edita in omnibus et singulis suis articulis in partibus de Kesteuen' in comitatu Lincoln' tam infra libertates quam extra custodienda et custodiri facienda, et omnes illos quos contra formam statutorum predictorum delinquentes inueneritis castigandos et puniendos prout secundum formam statutorum eorundem fuerit faciendum. et ad omnes illos qui aliquibus de populo nostro de corpore suo vel de incendio domorum suarum minas fecerint ad sufficientem securitatem de pace et de bono gestu suo erga nos et populum nostrum inueniendam coram vobis venire et si huiusmodi securitatem inuenire recusauerint tunc eos in prisonis nostris quousque huiusmodi securitatem inuenerint saluo custodiri faciendos.

Assignauimus vos eciam octo septem sex quinque quatuor tres et duos vestrum iusticiarios nostros ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de partibus predictis tam infra libertates quam extra per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit de quibuscumque feloniis transgressionibus forstallariis et regratariis in partibus predictis per quoscumque et qualitercumque factis et quas exnunc fieri ibidem continget, et de hostellariis et alijs qui in abusu mensurarum et ponderum ac in uendicione victualium, et eciam de quibuscumque operarijs artificibus et seruitoribus et alijs qui contra formam ordinacionum et statutorum pro communi vtilitate regni nostri Anglie de huiusmodi operarijs artificibus et seruitoribus hostelarijs et alijs inde factorum deliquerint vel attemptauerint in partibus predictis vel exnunc delinquere vel attemptare presumpserint, et ad processus versus

omnes quos de felonis huiusmodi contigerit indictari quousque capiantur reddantur vel vtlagentur faciendos, et ad transgressiones et forstallarias predictas ad sectam nostram tantum, ac regratarias predictas et omnia alia per huiusmodi hostellarios et alios in abusu mensurarum et ponderum ac in vendicione victualium, et omnia alia que per huiusmodi operarios artifices et seruitores contra formam ordinacionum et statutorum predictorum seu in eneruacionem eorundem in aliquo presumpta seu attemptata fuerint tam ad sectam nostram quam aliorum quorumcumque coram vobis pro nobis vel pro seipsis conqueri vel prosequi voluerint audienda et terminanda, et ad eosdem operarios artifices et seruitores per fines redempciones et amerciamenta et alio modo pro delictis suis prout ante ordinacionem et [sic] punicionem corporalem huiusmodi operariorum artificium et seruitorum pro delictis suis exhibendis factam fieri consuevit castigandos et puniendos secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri Anglie ac formam ordinacionum et statutorum predictorum.

Assignauimus eciam vos octo septem sex quinque quatuor tres et duos vestrum quorum aliquem vestrum vos prefati Iohannes Thoma de Ingelby et Rogere vnum esse volumus iusticiarios nostros ad felonias predictas audiendas et terminandas. Et ad omnia processus et indictamenta felonias transgressiones forstallarias regratarias et alia predicta tangencia coram vobis prefate comes et socii vestris nuper custodibus pacis nostre et iusticiariis nostris ad diuersa transgressiones et malefacta in partibus predictis audienda et terminanda assignatis facta que nondum terminata existunt inspicienda et debito fine terminanda secundum legem et consuetudinem predictas ac formam ordinacionum [et] statutorum predictorum.

Et ideo vobis mandamus quod circa custodiam pacis et statutorum nostrorum predictorum diligenter intendatis et ad certos dies et loca quos vos octo septem sex quinque quatuor tres vel duo vestrum ad hoc prouideritis inquisitiones super premissis faciatis, et transgressiones forstallarias et regratarias predictas ac omnia que per huiusmodi forstallarios et alios in abusu mensurarum et ponderum ac in uendicione victualium, et eciam ea que per dictos operarios artifices et seruitores contra formam ordinacionum et statutorum predictorum presumpta vel attemptata fuerint audiatis et terminetis, et eosdem operarios artifices et seruitores per fines redempciones et amerciamenta et alio modo castigetis et puniatis et vos octo septem sex quinque quatuor tres vel duo vestrum quorum aliquem vestrum vos prefati Iohannes Thoma de Ingelby et Rogero [sic] vnum esse volumus felonias predictas audiatis et terminetis in forma predicta, facturi inde quod ad iusticiam pertinet secundum legem et consuetudinem supradictas saluis nobis amerciamentis et alijs ad nos inde spectantibus.

Mandauimus enim vicecomiti nostro comitatus predicti quod

ad certos dies et loca quos vos octo septem sex quinque quatuor tres vel duo vestrum ei scire faciatis venire faciat coram vobis octo septem sex quinque quatuor tribus vel duobus vestrum tot et tales probos et legales homines de partibus predictis tam infra libertates quam extra per quos rei veritas melius in premissis sciri poterit et inquiri.

Et vos prefate comes ad certos dies et loca per vos et dictos socios vestros profigenda processus et indictamenta predicta coram vobis et dictis socijs vestris venire faciatis et ea inspiciatis et debito fine terminetis sicut predictum est.

In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xij die Decembris anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo sexto regni vero nostri Francie tricesimo tercio. Tam'.

Virtute cuius comissionis preceptum fuit vicecomiti Lincoln' quod venire faciat coram prefatis iusticiariis tot et tales probos et legales [homines] ad inquirendum de premissis vt extra patet et in rotulis sequentibus etc. Asty.

[*m. Id.*]

LINCOLN'

(*Marg: Kesteuen'*)

Indictamenta et presentaciones capta in partibus de Kesteuen' in comitatu Lincoln' et nondum terminata coram Rogero de Meres Henrico Asty Thoma Cleymond et Thome [sic] de Pynchebek iusticiariis per comissionem infra scriptam et per eosdem iusticiarios liberata coram domino rege apud Lincoln' in octabis sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum Anglie quadragesimo nono.

Marg: WYN[NIBRIGGS]

1. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Sleaford die Veneris proximo ante festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvij^{mo} per sacramentum Willelmi atte Lane de Dodyngton' Iohannis Spury [?] de Carlton' Henrici Man de Barkeston' Willelmi Berege de Merston' Willelmi de Carlton' de Cleypole Willelmi de Sutton' Rogeri Ward de Gonelston' Elie Alkot de Merston' Roberti Carpe de Fenton' Henrici Prest de Lunderthorpe Iohannis Prest de Welby Roberti Gaunt de Barkeston' et Willelmi Smyth de Dodyngton' qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Iohannes filius Iohannis filii Willelmi de Merston' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Augustinj anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvij^{mo} apud Merston' furtiue cepit vnum equum Ricardi Torald de Merston' precij xvj s.

2. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Taillour de Barkeston' Robertus de Willardby quondam seruiens Ade de Lymbergh' Iohannes Lylle de Marton' in Lyndesay die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlv^{to} contra

pacem clausum Henrici Man de Barkeston' fregerunt. Et dictum Henricum in domum suam ibidem strictauerunt cum gladiis et bassellardis extractis ad interficiendum dictum Henricum Man ita quod penitus de morte sua euadere potuit.

J. T. and others broke the close of H. M. and bound the said H. in his house, with swords and daggers drawn, with intent to kill him, so that he could barely escape with his life.

Marg: AUELOUND

3. Item xij iuratores de wapentaco predicto videlicet Iohannes de Walcote Iohannes de Dembelby Willelmus Ing Robertus Bate Robertus de Loghton' Willelmus de Birthorpe Robertus Gauenyld Ricardus de Same Henricus Philip' de Brunne Walterus Pat de Morton' Iohannes Gilson de Folkyngham et Robertus Draper de Horbelyng' dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Iohannes de Dunnesby canonicus de Sempryngham quendam Adam quondam berearium Iohannis de Walcote extra seruicium Iohannis de Walcote pro salario excessiuo videlicet ij s. per annum et sustentacionem quatuor bidentium plus quam cepit de Iohanne Walcote tempore predicto procurauit contra statutum die Lune in vigilia sancti Laurencii anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvj^{to} apud Walcote vnde dictus Iohannes de Walcote amisit seruicium dicti Ade.

J. de D., a canon of Sempringham, procured a certain A., formerly the shepherd of J. de W., away from the service of the said J. de W. by giving him excess wages, namely 2s. a year, and the keep of four sheep more than he received from J. de W.

[*At foot of the membrane :*]

Vmframuill'. De presentacionibus in Kesteuen anno xlix.

[*m. 2*]

Kesteuen'. Ad huc de indictamentis coram prefatis iusticiariis non terminatis. Asty.

Marg: BOBYGRAFFOW

4. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Sleaford per sacramentum Iohannis Clerk de Welburn' Roberti Clerk de Ledenham' Iohannis Haukyn de Hermeston' Henrici de Boby de Wadyngton' Ricardi Wright de eadem Henrici Wright de Welburn' Thome filii Iohannis de eadem Nicholai Dauy de Boby Roberti Wytyng' de Colby Iohannis de Depyng' de Thurlby Ricardi de Thurlby de Hadyngton' et Philippi Ward de Southikam qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Hugo Mann nuper gaolarius castris Lincoln' et Ricardus seruiens eius felonice furati fuerunt duos equos precii xxx s. de Thoma de Casthorpe de Colby apud Colby die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvij^{mo}.

5. Item dicunt quod Ricardus de Colyngham manens in Merston' furtiue furatus est de Blanchia Wake sex boues apud Depyng' die Lune proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvj^{to} precii cuiuslibet xij s. iij d.

6. Item quod dictus Hugo¹ receptavit predictum Ricardum sciens ipsum fecisse feloniam predictam.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1376.

7. Et quod dictus Hugo vi et armis et contra pacem de Iohanne filio Katerine de Hadyngton' apud Hadyngton' ij s. vj d. die Sabati proximo ante festum Omnium Sanctorum anno supradicto cepit et per extorcionem.

8. Et quod dictus Hugo vi et armis cepit de Willelmo Smyth de Hadyngton' ij s. vj d. contra pacem die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Nicholai anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^o.

9. Et quod dictus Hugo vi et armis et contra pacem de Willelmo Willy de Stapelford ij s. vj d. ibidem cepit et ipsum imprisonavit contra pacem die et anno supradictis.

10. Et quod dictus Hugo vi et armis cepit de Roberto Houwys de Foston' apud Foston' ij s. vj d. die Lune proximo post festum sancti Nicholai anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^{mo}.

11. Et quod dictus Hugo vi et armis cepit de Iohanne Wilmer de Foston' apud Foston' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Nicholai anno supradicto ij s. vj d. contra pacem.

12. Et quod dictus Hugo cepit de Nicholao Dache de Foston' apud Foston' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Nicholai anno supradicto ij s. vj d. contra pacem.

13. Et quod idem Hugo attachiavit Thomam Roco de Kirkebynorth' et ipsum imprisonavit contra pacem donec fecit finem cum dicto Hugone de viij s. iij d. postquam deliberatus fuit de prisa castri Lincoln' per patriam.

The same H. attached T. R. and imprisoned him against the peace until he made a fine with the said H. for 8s. 4d., after he had been delivered from the prison of Lincoln castle by a jury of the country.

14. Item dicunt quod Ricardus bercarius Roberti Clerk de Ledenham felonice interfecit Walterum Mabot de Ledenham die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Michelis apud Ledenham anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvj^{to}.

Marg: GENERALIS INQUISICIO

15. Iuratores videlicet Iohannes de Walcote Willelmus de Boston' Iohannes de Dembelby Iohannes de Fordam Willelmus Tyrell' Ricardus Almot Iohannes Elianore Iohannes Clerk de Welburn' Iohannes de Leek Iacobus Breton' Iohannes Cokheued Nicholaus Bek Iohannes Ward Ricardus de Lincoln' et Gilbertus Blake dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Adam Walker de Noua Sleaford (+ vtlagatus vt inferius patet¹) die Iouis in prima septimana quadragesime anno xlij regni regis nunc felonice interfecit Thoma [sic] Cole de Hekyngton' apud Hekyngton'. (*Marg:* Exigend'.)

Marg: ASWARDHIRN'

16. Et quidam Thomas Tauerner de Noua Lafford' sciens ipsum Adam esse felonem domini Regis die Veneris in prima septimana quadragesime anno xlij^{do} regni regis nunc recepit apud dictam Laffordiam dictum Adam.¹

¹ See App. I, p. 212, below.

17. Item dicunt quod Ricardus Wouxpprigge (+ vtlagatus vt inferius patet¹) persona ecclesie de Ingoldesby die Iouis proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno xliij regni regis Edwardi nunc quendam Willelmum seruientem Iuliane del Hild de Osgodby apud Ingoldesby felonice interfecit.

18. Et Iohannes de Wylughby senior Iohannes de Wylughby iunior et Iohannes de Conyngesby constabularii de Ingoldesby scientes ipsum Ricardum esse felonem domini regis manutinent.

Quo ad predictos Adam Walker de Noua Sleaford et Ricardum Wouxffringge [sic] persona [sic] ecclesie de Ingoldesby processu versus eos continuato vsque v diem Iulij anno regni regis nunc xlvij^o quo die exigendum consideratum fuit versus eos apud Sleaford et ad comitum tentum apud Lincoln' die Lune proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie tunc proxime sequens vtlagati sunt pro felonis supradictis. (*Marg: Vtlagati.*)

As regards the said A. W. and R. W., process against them was continued till July 5th in the 47th year, on which day the exigend was pronounced against them at Sleaford, and at the county court held at Lincoln on the Monday after the Purification¹ next following they were outlawed for the said felonies (see App. II, p. 212, below).

¹ I.e. Feb. 6th, 1374. In spite of this previous outlawry, they were both put in exigend in the King's Bench in Michaelmas term, 1375.

[*m. 2d.*]

Marg: ASWARDHIRN'

19. Inquisicio capta apud Sleaford coram prefatis iusticiariis die Lune proximo ante festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^{mo} per sacramentum Simonis de Northampton' Thome de la More Thome Stalworth' de Kirkeby Willelmi Coteler de eadem Willelmi de Lesyngham Alani de Cakthorpe de Hale Iohannis filius Hugonis de eadem Simonis Chamberlayn de eadem Iohannis de Stokes de Sleaford Thome Chapman de Ounesby Iohannis de la More de Asgarby et Iohannis Greyne de Howell' qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Willelmus Prentis de Sleaford est communis tannator et ipse emit vnam pellem vaccinam de Willelmo Failon' de Sleaford apud Sleaford pro xvij d. die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xlvj^o. Et postea ipse predictus Willelmus Prentys vendidit predictam pellem tannatam Henrico Soutere de Sleaford pro iij s. die Martis proximo post festum sancti Petri apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi terciij a conquesta xlvij^{mo} apud Sleaford et sic ipse emit de diuersis

hominibus multas pelles per longum tempus et multos annos preteritos excessiue vnde excessus iij s. (*Marg: Exigend'.*)

W. P. is a common tanner, and he bought a cow-hide from W. F. for 18*d.*, and subsequently sold the said hide, tanned, to H. S. for 4*s.*; and similarly he bought many hides from different persons, over a long period, and for many years past, his excess profit being 3*s.*

20. Item Rogerus Barker de Sleaford est communis tannator et ipse emit pelles bouinas de Roberto Bocher de Riskyngton' et Willelmo de Wytham de eadem precii cuiuslibet pellis xx d. apud Sleaford die Iouis proximo ante festum Natalis domini anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlvj^{to}. Et postea dictus Rogerus vendidit dictas pelles tannatas Nicholao Bugg soutere de Sleaford apud Sleaford precii cuiuslibet pellis v s. die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlvij^{mo}. Et sic ipse Rogerus vendidit excessiue coreum suum vnde excessus ij s.

R. B. is a common tanner and bought ox-hides from R. B. and W. W. at 20*d.* apiece, and subsequently sold the said hides, tanned, to N. B., a cobbler, at 5*s.* each; and he thus sold leather for excess prices, his excess profit being 2*s.*

21. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Bakester de Sleaford est communis tannator et ipse emit pelles bouinas de Iohanne Fisher de Hekyngton' precii cuiuslibet pellis xx d. die Lune proximo post festum sancte Katerine anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlvj^{to} apud Sleaford et postea dictus Iohannes Bakester vendidit dictas pelles tannatas Henrico Peryn de Hekyngton' precii cuiuslibet ij s. apud Sleaford die Lune proximo post festum sancti Laurencii anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlvij^{mo} vnde excessus ij s.

J. B. is a common tanner and bought ox-hides from J. F. at 20*d.* apiece, and afterwards sold the said hides, tanned, to H. P. at 3*s.* each, his excess profit being 2*s.*

22. Item Henricus Souter de Sleaford est communis sutor et vendidit vnum par sotularium Willelmo filio Roberti de Denton' de Sleaford apud Sleaford precii xvj d. die Martis proximo post festum conuercionis sancti Pauli anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlvij^{mo} et sic vendidit diuersis hominibus excessiue vnde excessus iij s. iiij d.

H. S. is a common cobbler and sold a pair of shoes to W. for 16*d.*, and in the same way he sold to many others for excess prices, his excess profits being 3*s.* 4*d.*

23. Item dicunt quod Henricus Souter de Sleaford emit de Willelmo Brid de Sleaford apud Sleaford omnia [sic] sotulares in grosso que dictus Willelmus cum suis seruisutoribus fecerunt a die Lune proximo post festum sancti Dionisij anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlvj^{to} vsque ad Pascham proxime sequentem precii cuiuslibet parium [sic] sotularium v d. ob. Et postea dictus Henricus sutor et communis forstallator vendidit in foro de Sleaford Roberto Smyth de Wylughby vnum par dictorum sotularium pro viij d. die Lune proximo post festum Omnium Sanctorum anno

supradicto. Et postea dictus Henricus vendidit residua dictorum sotularium diuersis hominibus in patria precio predicto ad graue [sic] oppressionem populi et contra statutum.

H. S. bought wholesale from W. B. all the shoes which the said W. and his workmen had made between the Monday after St Denis' day, in the 46th year [11 Oct. 1372], and the following Easter [28 March], at $5\frac{1}{2}d.$ a pair. And subsequently the said H., who is a cobbler and a common forestaller, sold to R. S., in the market at Sleaford, a pair of the said shoes for $8d.$ And later he sold the remaining shoes to different men of the neighbourhood, at the same price, to the great oppression of the people.

Marg: AUELOUND

24. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Sleaford per sacramentum Walteri Marton' de Thikyngham Iohannis Iulyan de Folkyngham Iocens Ioy de Repynghale Iohannis Ioy de Douseby Ricardi Ketby de Aslakby Iohannis Brian de Loghton' Galfridi Frankys de Pikworth Roberti Somercotes de Osbernby Willelmi Storour de eadem Willelmi Baret de Horblyng Willelmi Iakeson' de Spanby et Iohannis Hobkyn de Swaton' qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Iohannes Targe de Scredyngton' simul cum alijs insultum fecerunt cum vi et armis Iohanni Hundfot de Dembelby apud Osbernby die Martis proximo post festum conuercionis sancti Pauli anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvj^{to} et ibidem cum cultello violenter verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit dictum Iohannem contra pacem. (*Marg: Exigend'.*)

[*m. 3*]

Kesteuen'. Ad huc de indictamentis coram prefatis iusticiariis non terminatis. Asty.

Marg: LOUEDON

25. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Sleaford die Lune proximo post Dominicam in festo de Ramispalmarum anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlviii^{uo} per sacramentum Iohannis Breton' de Fulbek Iohannis Tebaud de Sudbrok Roberti Clerk de Ledenham Auncelmi de Lincoln' de Stubton' Thome Hacone de Fulbek Roberti de Barnby de Fenton' Thome Caperon' de Bekyngham Iohannis Permunter de Dodyngton' Roberti Cap de Fenton' Iohannis Polgraue de eadem Iohannis Spur de Sudbrok et Iohannis atte Crosse de Bekyngham qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Iohannes de Auburn' manens in Staunford furtiue furatus fuit vnum iumentum precii xiiij s. iij d. de Iohanne filio Ade de Swynstede apud Swynstede die Lune proximo post festum sancti Dionisij anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvij^{mo}. (*Marg: Exigend'.*)

26. Item dicunt quod Adam de Manfeld Willelmus de Tiddeswell' Rogerus Mundayn de Auburn' balliui domini regis die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Gregorij anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvij^{mo} apud Ancastre attachiauuerunt Iohannem de Saltby de Ancastre [de] diuersis felonijs indictatum et dictus Iohannes sic captus et aretatus Iohannes seruens ipsius Iohannis et Thomas

filius eius predictis balliuis vi et armis insultum fecerunt et rescussum per quod dictus Iohannes fugit et euasit de predictis balliuis contra pacem.

The king's bailiffs at Ancaster attached J. de S., who had been indicted of various felonies, whereupon the said J., his servant, and T., his son, assaulted the said bailiffs and rescued him, so that he fled and escaped from the bailiffs.

27. Et quod Ricardus (ponit¹) vicarius de Ancastre fuit communis auxiliator per quod Iohannes de Saltby fugit et euasit de balliuis domini regis supradictis die et anno supradictis.¹

¹ See App. III, p. 214, below.

Marg: SLEFORD

28. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Sleaford die Iouis proximo post clausum Pasche anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^{uo} per sacramentum Willelmi Aubray de Sleaford Roberti Leaute Iohannis Skynner Radulfi Whitbarn' Thome Edward Thome de Diryngton' Thome Stele Iohannis Warner Iohannis de Derby Willelmi Failon' et Thome Turnour de Sleaford qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Willelmus Tolous de Ousthorpe die Mercurii in prima septimana quadragesime anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^{uo} apud Apeltrenesse in hundredo de Iwardby furtiue fregit quoddam doleum alecis [sic] et c et lx alecia precii xvij d. de Adam de Walton' de Sleaford furtiue cepit et apportauit [sic] etc. (*Marg:* Exigend'.)

Marg: GRANTHAM

29. Inquisicio capta coram iusticiariis supradictis apud Grantham die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^{uo} per sacramentum Thome Bugot de Grantham Willelmi de Paunton' Roberti Sharpe Henrici Heryng' Roberti de Wellowe Willelmi Swanland Iohannis Makauntre Willelmi de Bloxham Iohannis de Newerk Hugonis de Barkeston' Radulfi Darre et Roberti Westren de Grantham qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Elias de Blakburn' de Grantham die Iouis in vigilia annunciationis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^{uo} in Grantham felonice interfecit Iohannem Wayt' de eadem. (*Marg:* Exigend'.)

Marg: WYNNIBRIG'

30. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Grantham die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^{uo} per sacramentum Willelmi filii Iohannis de Denton Philippi Fraunkeleyn de eadem Henrici Payn de eadem Ricardi filii Galfridi de eadem Iohannis Pacy de Barkeston' Iohannis Andreu de Sitheston' Iohannis Pacy de Belton' Iohannis Lewyn de Honyngton' Nicholai Sparkele de Paunton' Willelmi Page de Humby Iohannis filii Rogeri de Gunwardby et Roberti Gaunt de Barkeston' qui dicunt super sacramentum quod Ricardus Pynder

de Alyngton' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Mathei apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi terciij post conquestum xlvj^{to} furtiue cepit vnum equum Alani filii Radulfi in campis de Gunwardby precii xx s. Et est communis latro. (*Marg: Exigend'.*)

31. Item dicunt quod Thomas Billok de Gunwardby die Martis proximo post festum sancti Martini anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xliij^{to} apud Casthorpe furtiue cepit vj oues Thome atte Halle de Casthorpe in campis de Cathorpe [sic] precii xij s. et est communis latro.

32. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Neel de Brasseby clerk percussit Ceciliam vxorem Willelmi Ward de Brasseby die sancte Margarete cum cultello in brachio suo contra pacem.

Marg: BOBYGRAFFOW

33. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Sleaford in festo sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^{to} per sacramentum Iohannis Clerk de Welburn' Iohannis Hanky de Hunston' Henrici de Boby de Hadyngton' Ricardi Wright de eadem Thome filii Iohannis de Welburn' Henrici Wright de eadem Ricardi de Thurlby de Hadyngton' Nicholai Dauy de eadem Iohannis de Depyng' de Thurlby Iohannis Ward de Southikam Roberti Whityng [?] de Colby Iohannis Douk de Nauenby et Roberti Saunderson' de eadem qui dicunt quod Rogerus Tasker de Hadyngton' apud Hadyngton' die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis nunc xliij^{to} vnam petram lane precij v s. de Iohanne Coke de Hadyngton' felonice furatus fuit. (*Marg: Exigend'.*)

[*m. 3d.*]

Marg: ASWARDHIEN'

34. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Sleaford die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlix^{to} per sacramentum Iohannis Othemore de Asgarby Iohannis de Wylughby de Ingoldesby Roberti Louet de Iwardby Ricardi de Amwyk de Asgerby Iohannis del Temple de Barton' Stephanus Cole de Crokton' Iohannis Ware de Ounesby Hugonis Hamunde de Queryngton' Willelmi Martynson' de Wylughby Iohannis Baxtere de Sleaford Iohannis filii Hugonis de Hale Iohannis de Conyngesby de Ingoldesby et Iohannis de Metham qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Katerina vxor Thome Raffale de Parua Hale communis brasiatrix in eadem vendit seruiciam per viers in eadem Iohanni Nelson' Henrico filio Ricardi Iohanni Chetour et per vrbibus alijs in annis regni regis Edwardi nunc xlvij^{to} et xlix^{to} ad precium excessiuum videlicet lagenam pro ij d. et pro iij d. vnde excessus xl d.

K., wife of T. R., a common ale-wife of Hale, sold ale there several times to J. N. and many others in the 48th and 49th years, at excess prices, namely 2d. and 3d. a gallon, her excess profit being 40d.

35. Item quod dictus Thomas Raffale communis carnifex vendit carnes in Magna Hale et aliby in annis predictis ad precium excessiuum vnde excessus vj d.

36. Item Iohanna Whelppynner nuper manens in domo Willelmi de Barton apud Kirkebilailthorpe felonice furata fuit ibidem vnum porcellum Willelmi Smret [?] precii vj d. et vnam aucam Christiane Noris precii iij d. diebus Dominica et Martis proximis post festum Circumcisionis domini anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xlvij^{uo} apud Kirkebilailthorpe et quod ipsa est communis latro auccarum porcellorum et gallinarum. (*Marg: Exigend'.*)

37. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Smert de Kirkebilailthorp qui districtus fuit per vnam patellam emeam in festo sancti Iohannis Ewangeliste anno regni regis nunc xlvij^{uo} per Adam Wright et taxatores et colectores xv^{me} domini regis in Kirkebilailthorpe pro porcione xv^{me} super ipsum in eadem assesse quod dictus Iohannes fecit inde recussum dictis taxatoribus et collectoribus contra pacem et in ipsos graue insultum fecit et eis minabatur propter quod officium suum facere non audiebant [sic] nec potuerunt.

J. S., whom the taxers and collectors of the king's 15th in Kirkby Laylthorpe distrained by a brass plate for the share of the 15th at which he was assessed, resisted the said taxers and collectors, and grievously assaulted and threatened them, wherefore they dared not and could not perform their office.

38. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Strenger de Helpryngham die Dominica proxima post festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xlix^{no} apud Helpringham in Iohannem Baillif insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem.

39. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Knokell de Baghton' vi et armis in Iohannem filium Iohannis de Rouceby de Kelby die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlix^{no} apud Asgarby insultum fecit et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem. (*Marg: Knokel.*)

Marg: BOBIGRAFFOW

40. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Nauenby die Mercurii proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlix^{no} per sacramentum Iohannis Clerk de Welburn' Gilberti Blake de Hermeston' Iohannis Wynter de Thurlby Willelmi filii Thome de Welburn' Thome filii Iohannis de eadem Walteri Blakeston' de Carlton' Ricardi de Thurlby Iohannis Pynder de Bassyngham Iohannis de Ledenham de eadem Iohannis de Depyng de Thurlby Thome de Casthorpe de Colby et Willelmi Pacy de eadem qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Ricardus Leget de Welburn' apud Burton' iuxta Swaton' die Iouis in festo translationis sancti Thome Martiris anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvij^{uo} furtiue furatus fuit vnum equum de Thoma Smyth de Burton' iuxta Swaton' precii xij s. (*Marg: Felonia. Exigend'.*)

41. Item quod Robertus Mathew de Skynand apud Skynand die Veneris in festo apostolorum Simonis et Iude anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlix^{no} furtiue furatus fuit vnum equum de Iohanne Robert de Skynand apud Skynand precii xx s. Item dicunt quod est communis latro.¹

¹ See App. IV, p. 215, below.

42. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Gowsill' de Bassyngham apud Sleaford die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie virginis anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlvij^{mo} reuelauit consilium domini regis de certis articulis vnde Thomas filius Alani de Hadyngton' fuit indictatus per predictum Willelmum Gowsill' et socios suos iuratos coram iusticiariis domini regis de pace apud Sleaford ad inquirendum de diuersis feloniis transgressionibus et aliis articulis factis contra pacem. (*Marg:* Exigend'.)

W. G. revealed the counsel of the king concerning certain matters whereof T. had been indicted by the said W. G. and his fellows, sworn before the justices of the peace at Sleaford to enquire of diuerse felonies and trespasses, and other things done against the peace.

43. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Iop' de Brendbroughton' apud Bracc-bridg' die Sabati proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie virginis anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlvij^{mo} vi et armis eum gladijs et cultellis imprisonauit Iohannem Clerk de Welburn' et ibidem in prisa detinuit quousque redemptionem cum dicto Iohanne Iop' fecit ad valenciam decem marcarum contra pacem domini regis.

J. J. imprisoned J. C. forcibly, with swords and knives, and kept him in prison until he paid a ransom of 10 marks.

44. Item dicunt quod Henricus Grubur de Carlton' in Morland apud Carlton' in Morland die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie virginis anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlix^{no} vi et armis gladio et cultello in Walterum Blakston' de Carlton' insultum fecit et ibidem ipsum Walterum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem. Item dicunt quod predictus Walterus est communis affraiator pacis.

45. Item dicunt quod Rogerus Grouge de Carlton' in Morland die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Laurencii Martiris anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlix^{no} apud Carlton' in Iohannem seruientem Walteri Clerk de Carlton' insultum fecit et ibidem dictum Iohannem vi et armis videlicet gladio et cultello verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem domini regis etc.

[*m. 4*]

Kesteuen'. Ad huc de indictamentis coram prefatis iusticiariis non terminatis. Asty.

Marg: LOUEDON'

46. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Grantham die Lune proximo post festum sancti Petri aduincula anno regni

regis Edwardi terciij xlviij^{uo} per sacramentum Thome Iordan de Brandon' Iohannis filii Radulfi de Sutton' Iohannis de Gildford de Brughton' Iohannis de Belesby de Thorp' Georgij' Sampson' de Benyngton' Georgius [sic] Broun de eadem Willelmi atte Lane de Westburgh' Iohannis Parmonter de Dodyngton' Iohannis Tebaud de Sudbrok Willelmi de Sutton' de Thorpe Iohannis filii Gilberti de Thorpe Roberti Fouler de Fenton' Galfridi Bolour de Hagh' Iohannis Sharpe de Cathorpe et Hugonis Houwet de Broughton' qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Ricardus seruiens Ricardi seriaunt de Thragelthorpe die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Iacoby anno regni regis nunc xlviij^{uo} furtiue cepit apud Thragelthorpe pannos laneos et lineos de Thoma filio Ricardi seriaunt ad valenciam ij s. (*Marg: Exigend'.*)

47. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Hore seruiens Iohannis Souter de Brughton' die Lune proximo post festum sancti Swythini anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlviij^{uo} apud Brughton' furtiue asportauit de domo predicti Iohannis Souter de Brughton' duas vlnas et dimidiam de blanket precii ij s. vj d.

48. Item dicunt quod predictus Iohannes Hore die Veneris proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlviij^{uo} apud Brughton' furtiue cepit de loculo Isabelle vxoris Radulfi Bidell' de Casthorpe xl denarios auri et argenti.

49. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Tasker de Sutton' apud Bekyngham vi et armis per diuersas vices Iohannem filium Radulfi de Sutton' qui iter suum parauit vsque Newerk die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Iacoby anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlviij^{uo} et ipsum minauit de membro et vita contra pacem.

J. T. many times threatened J. in life and limb, when the said J. was making ready for his journey to Newark.

50. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Tasker de Sutton' Ricardus de Hampton' de Bekyngham et Iohannes de Hampton' de eadem die Dominica in festo Pentecostes anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlviij^{uo} insultum fecerunt in Laurencium de Sutton' de Bekyngham et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt contra pacem.

51. Item Willelmus in The Lane de Westburgh' constabularius arrestauit quendam Radulfum de Bafford pro pace ex parte domini regis die Lune proximo post festum sancti Thome Cantewarie anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlviij^{uo}. Et postquam arrestatus fuit Robertus Dauson de Dodyngton' Iohannes Dauson' de eadem et Robertus filius predicti Iohannis verberauerunt et male tractauerunt predictum Radulfum de Bafford contra pacem domini regis apud Westburgh'.

The constable arrested a certain R. de B. for the peace on the king's behalf. And after his arrest R. D., J. D., and R., son of J., beat and ill-treated the said R. de B.

52. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Yue goldsmyth de Grantham die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Iohannis ante portam Latinam anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^{uo} noctanter cepit Margaretam filiam Iohannis de Repynghale bocher apud Grantham et eam abduxit et detenuit in abscondito per xx dies contra voluntatem Matillis matris ipsius Margarete et contra pacem.

W. Y. took Margaret, daughter of J. de R., at night, and abducted her, and kept her in hiding for twenty days, against the will of M., her mother.

Marg: ASWARDHIRN'

53. Inquisicio capta coram iusticiariis supradictis apud Sleaford die Martis proximo post festum sancti Laurentii anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^{uo} per sacramentum Thome de la More de Helpringham Simonis de Northampton' Willelmi de Lessyngham de Iwardby Thome Stalworth de Kirkeby Thome Chapman de Ounesby Willelmi Coteler de Kirkeby Iohannis Greyne Iohannis de Stokes Iohannis filii Hugonis de Hale Thome Pace de Burton' Alani de Cakthorpe Iohannis de Conyngesby et Simonis Chaumberleyn de Hale qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Galfridus capellanus Roberti de Kelby persone ecclesie de Helpringham et Nicholaus Clerk simul cum alijs ignotis die Iouis in septimana Pentecostes anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^{uo} apud Northwylughby vi et armis in Robertum Knot seruientem Willelmi de Aiermyn insultum fecerunt et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt contra pacem.

54. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Colyn de Kirkebilailthorpe est communis caretarius et carucarius et non vult operare nec seruire nisi per dietas causa excessiui lucri. Et sic cepit de Iohanne de Herdby de Euedon' apud Euedon' vj d. ad mensam die Lune proximo post festum decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^{uo} et sic cepit postea de diuersis hominibus per diuersas dietas contra statutum vnde excessus ij d. (*Marg: Exigend'.*)

J. C. is a common carter and ploughman and will not labour nor serve except by the day, for the sake of excess wages. And thus he received from J. de H. 6d. and board, and subsequently the same from other men on various days, his excess being 2d.

55. Item dicunt quod Gilbertus Wright (finem fecit¹) de Hekyngton' conduxit Iohannem Waller seruum suum ad seruiendum sibi ibidem a festo sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xlvij^{uo} vsque festum sancti Michelis tunc proxime sequens et dedit dicto Iohanni xij s. iij d. contra statutum vnde excessus vj s. viij d.

56. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Person de Helpringham cepit et abduxit Gilbertum seruum Roberti Hardegray de Helpringham de molendino suo apud Paruam Hale noctanter in vigilia natalis domini anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^{uo} et iniuste detinuit per tres septimanas in seruicio suo contra statutum.

57. Item dicunt quod Alicia Milner de Hekyngton' commorans ibidem in estate nunc et per ministros domini regis admitta [?] fuit ad seruiendum Henrico Asty in autumpno que quidem Alicia in prima septimana x^{lmo} anno regni regis nunc xlvij^{uo} de Hekyngton' se elongauit et exiuit extra villam vsque Sleaford et Burton' contra statutum.

A. M. of Heckington is dwelling there now in the summer, and in the autumn she was admitted into the service of H. A. by the king's officers, but in the first week of Lent she left Heckington and departed to Sleaford and Burton.

[*m. 4d.*]

Marg: LOUEDON

58. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Sleaford die Iouis in festo exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno regni Edwardi tercij xlvij per sacramentum Philippi Makesey de Brughton' Iohannis Ielian de eadem Nicholai de Merston' de eadem Roberti Deyuild de eadem Willelmi de Carlton' de Cleypole Ricardi seriaunt de Thragelthorpe Iohannis atte Graunge de eadem Willelmi filii Rose de eadem Willelmi de Sutton' Iohannis filii Isabelle de eadem Ade Planes de Welburn' et Willelmi filii Thome de eadem qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Rogerus Coker de Waplude furatus fuit duos equos precii iij marcarum de Thome atte Graunge de Welyngore apud Welyngore die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Iohannis ante portam Latinam anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvij^{mo}. (Quietus non subtraxit!.)¹ (*Marg:* Exigend'.)

¹ See App. V, p. 216, below.

59. Item Iohannes Ioppe de Brughton' (ponit se quietus non subtraxit!) felonice interfecit Anabillam Raulot vxorem suam apud Brughton' die Lune proxima post festum sancte Margarete virginis anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xl^{mo}.¹

¹ See App. VI, p. 217, below.

Marg: ASWARDHIRN'

60. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Sleaford die Martis proximo ante festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvij^{uo} per sacramentum Willelmi Beaufo de Wylughby Ricardi de Lincoln' de Euedon' Iohannis Parker de Hale Iohannis Patsill' de Hekyngton' Roberti Louet de Iwardby Simonis de Northampton' Nicholai del Wardrope de Hale Iohannis Bakester de Oldsleaford Iohannis del Tempell' de Burton' Ricardi del Tempel de eadem Willelmi Martynson' de Wylughby et Willelmi in The Crofftes de Sleaford qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Iacobus Breton' de Fulbek Elias Ward de eadem Iohannes Mercer de eadem Robertus Bele de eadem Iohannes Clerk de eadem Willelmus Hount de eadem Robertus Stoile de eadem Thomas seruiens Elie de Midelton' de eadem Iohannes Couper de eadem Radulfus Bidell' de Cathorpe Robertus filius eiusdem Radulfi de eadem Iohannes Bidell' de eadem Willelmus Turnour

de eadem Thomas Suker de eadem Willelmus Rauf de eadem Willelmus Tygow de eadem Thomas Flexhewer de eadem Henricus Ermytsonne de eadem Walterus Smyth de Ingoldesby Robertus Long de eadem Willelmus Williamone de eadem Robertus Williamson de eadem Iohannes de Metham de eadem Robertus filius Iohannis de Wylughby de eadem Robertus Longspe de Somerby simul cum alijs malefactoribus ignotis die Lune proximo post festum sancti Hillarii anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlviij^{mo} apud Silkby in Iohannem de Rouceby clericum maliciose et contra pacem domini regis vi et armis videlicet arcubus sagittis gladiis fustibus et cultellis cum plates haubergones jakkes de defencione armati insultum fecerunt ipsumque Iohannem in manerio suo ibidem obsederunt et ibidem falso imprisonauerunt ab origine diei vsque horam nonam ita quod idem Iohannes nec nullus seruientium suorum audiebant [sic] de manerio predicto ob metu mortis et pro alijs periculis euitandis exire quousque magister Iohannes de Carlton' et Elias de Middelton ceperunt vnum diem amoris inter ipsum Iohannem de Rouceby et Willelmum de Aiermyne'. (*Marg: Exigend'*.)

J. B. and many other evildoers, with bows, arrows, swords, clubs, and knives, being armed with mailed gloves, habergeons, and jacks, maliciously assaulted J. de R., clerk, and besieged him in his manor, and wrongfully imprisoned him there from daybreak until the ninth hour, so that neither the said J. nor any of his servants dared leave the manor, for fear of death, and because of other dangers, until master J. de C. and E. de M. arranged a love-day between the said J de R. and W. de A..

61. Item dicunt quod Rogerus Personone de Wylughby iuxta Queryngton' Thomas filius Willelmi de Aiermyne Iohannes Tailliour seruientis Willelmi de Aiermyne Thomas de Morle Iohannes Ketill' Robertus Knot Willelmus Coke Thomas Coke seruientes Willelmi de Aiermyne ex malicia precogitata die Louis in festo sancti Mathei apostoli anno regni regis nunc xlviij^{uo} incidiose noctanter contra pacem domini regis apud Wylughby iuxta Queryngton' vi et armis videlicet gladiis fureis pro feno fustibus et cultellis in Robertum Fort Robertum Iopsone Iohannem de Euedon' Robertum Swandale Iohannem Bithe hirn' [sic] Ranulphum de Bardenay Willelmum Othe Hawe Iohannem filium Roberti Iopsone seruientes Iohannis de Rouceby clerici insultum fecerunt et ipsos verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt ita quod predicti Iohannes Fort et Iohannes de Euedon' de vita et de membris eorum disperabant et adhuc disperant etc.

R. P. and others, servants of W. de A., with swords, pitch-forks, clubs, and knives, assaulted the servants of J. de R., clerk, of malice aforethought, and with ambush, at night, and beat them etc. so that J. F. and J. de E. were and still are in despair of their life and limbs. (See Introduction, p. lxii, chapter VI.)

Marg: NESSE

62. Inquisicio capta coram iusticiariis supradictis apud Brunne die Mercurii proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlviij^{uo} qui dicunt super sacramentum

Andree Lytster de Estdepyng' Ricardi Cutt de eadem Roberti de Wylyngham de Langtoft Iohannis filii Henrici de eadem Iohannis de Beuerlee de Baston' Iohannis Elred de Thurlby Nicholai Manger de eadem Roberti Hikson' de Wilesthorpe Iohannis de Bolyngton' de eadem Iohannis Rume de Carlby Iohannis Sumpter de eadem Henrici Coke de Vfflyngton' et Iohannis de Thymelby de Talyngton' qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Thomas Seerle¹ de Thurlby die Lune proximo post festum sancti Martini anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum xlv^{to} quendam equam apud Brunne broun coloris precii vj s. viij d. Iohannis Pichell de Brunne apud Brunne noctanter furtiue cepit et abduxit vnde fugam extra patriam iuit.

¹ One of the two indicted of felony whose names do not appear on the *Coram Rege* rolls.

63. Item dicunt quod Isabella uxor Roberti Io [illegible] de Vfford noctanter grangiam Iohannis Squier de Langtoft die Dominica ante festum Natalis domini anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvj^{to} apud Langtoft contra pacem domini regis intrauit et ibidem unum buscellum ordei precii iij d. furtiue cepit et asportauit et apportauit [sic].

64. Item Willelmus seruiens Thome Coly [?] de Brassyngburgh' die Dominica proxima ante festum sancti Petri aduincula in Willelmum Bosye et [?] Agnetam [?] vxorem eius apud Carlby insultum fecit et ipsos verberauit vulnerauit et alia enormia eis intulit contra pacem domini regis etc.

[m. 5]

Kesteuen'. Ad huc de indictamentis coram prefatis iusticiariis non terminatis. Asty.

Marg: AJELOUND

65. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Sleaford die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlix^{no} per sacramentum Iohannis de Fordam Willelmi de Prestwold Amandi de Pikeworth' Iohannis Clerk de Morton' Roberti de Rouceby Willelmi de Birthorpe Iohannis Bate Willelmi Baret Willelmi Gode Roberti filii Iohannis Ricardi de Keteby Galfridi filii Iohannis Willelmi Iaksone qui dicunt quod Robertus filius Iohannis Haliday de Morton' capellanus die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xliiij^{to} Isabellam vxorem Willelmi Lericok de Folkyngham apud Folkyngham noctanter rapuit et bona et catalla ipsius Willelmi ad valenciam x marcarum felonice cepit abduxit et asportauit. (*Marg:* Exigend'.)

66. Item dicunt quod Willelmus quondam seruiens Iohannis de Fordam vocatus Cok de Biry et Magota vocata Magot Wiseman die Dominica proxima ante festum sancti Iacoby apostoli anno

regni regis Edwardi tereij xlix^{no} mesuagium dieti Iohannis de Fordam apud Bilyngburgh' intrauerunt et xij sikels precii ij s. et vnum sithe precii ij s. et vnam patnam enneam precii ij s. et vnum capicium nouum femineum precii xij [s.] et alia instrumenta precii xij s. ibidem furtiue noctanter ceperunt et asportauerunt.

67. Item dicunt quod Iohannes filius Gilberti de Howell' de Pikeworth die Mercurii in festo sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlix^{no} stabulum Willelmi de Birthorpe de Waleote apud Waleote noctanter fregit et intrauit et ibidem vnum arcum cum xij sagittis precii xij s. et ij vnas canauasij noui precii xiiij d. ij sikels precii vij d. et vnum securem precii xlij d. et alia instrumenta eiusdem Willelmi precii ij s. furtiue noctanter cepit et asportauit.

68. Item dicunt quod Iohannes de Tesburgh' quondam vicarius de Aslakby et modo persona ecclesie de Tueng' die Sabati proximo post festum sancti Martini anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlvij^{mo} in manerio Thome de Felton' militis apud Aslakby vnum bouem nigrum fratris Philippi de Tetforth magistri Templi tunc de Aslakby precii xvj s. felonice cepit abduxit et ad suum proprium vsum interfecit.

Marg: LOUEDON

69. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Nauenby die Mercurii proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlix^{no} per sacramentum Hugonis Howet de Brughton' Roberti atte Halle de Merston' Willelmi Bereth' de Merston' Gilberti Bolet de Hogham Adam Dauy de Dodyngton' Willelmi in The Lane de eadem Petri Thurgor de Stubton' Thome Pete de Carlton' Iohannis Spur de eadem Rogeri Smyth de Hogh' Iohannis Tebaud de Bekyngham et Iohannis Brian de Fulbek qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Laurencius filius Stephani de Sutton' est communis affraiator pacis et est rebellis constabulariis eiusdem ville de Sutton' et non vult stare ad attachiammentum constabulariorum eiusdem ville de Sutton'. (*Marg: Exigend'.*)

70. Item dicunt quod villata de Westburgh' non vult facere le Tounwatche sicut habent ex precepto constabulariorum eiusdem ville secundum statutum Wynton' videlicet a festo natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlix^{no} vsque festum sancti Petri aduincula tunc proxime sequens.

The township of Westborough will not keep the town watch as commanded by the constables according to the statute of Winchester.

71. Item dicunt quod Iohannes de Blaunkenay quondam seruiens Iohannis Spur de Carlton' recessit extra seruicium ipsius Iohannis de Carlton' die Martis in festo sancti Petri aduincula anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xlvij^{uo} sine licencia ipsius Iohannis Spur et contra voluntatem suam.

72. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Halden de Carlton' capellanus est communis affreiator et perturbatur [sic] pacis et etiam idem Iohannes Halden est rebellis constabulariis domini regis in Carlton'.

Marg: BOBYGRAFFOW

73. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Nauenby die Mercurii proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlix^{no} super sacramentum Iohannis Clerk de Welburn' Gilberti Blake de Hermeston' Iohannis Vynter Thome filii Iohannis Clerk Ricardi de Thurlby Iohannis de Depyng' Walteri Blakston' Iohannis Pynder Willelmi Pat Thome de Casthorpe Iohannes de Ledenham et Willelmi filii Thome de Welburn' qui dicunt quod Ricardus Couhird de Carlton' in Moreland dudum seruiens abbati [sic] de Thornton die Sabati proximo ante festum sancti Mathei apostoli et ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlix^{no} apud Carlton' in Morland duo linthamina et vnam tunicam et vnum blanket precii dimidie marce Ricardi Paull' furtiue cepit et apportauit [sic]. (*Marg:* Exigend'.)

74. Item dicunt quod Willelmus de Carlton' iuxta Gedelyng' in comitatu Not' capellanus dudum commorans in Bassyngham die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xlix^{no} apud Bassyngham de Ricardo Pyndere j lectum videlicet vnum couerlyt ij linthamina et vnum bedcloth precii xij s. felonice cepit et apportauit.

75. Item dicunt quod Thomas Smert¹ de Carlton' in Morland die Sabati proximo post festum exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno regni regis nunc xlix^{no} apud Carlton' in Morland ipsum Ricardum Couhird recepit sciens ipsum Ricardum fecisse feloniam predictam.

¹ In exigend in the King's Bench, Michaelmas, 1376.

[*m. 5d.*]

Marg: FLAXWELL' LANGOW [?]

76. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Sleaford die Lune proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlix^{no} per sacramentum Roberti Cathare de Digby Nicholai Steuencote de Dunston' Iohannis Freman de Amwyk Iohannis Wright de Riskyngton' Willelmi Couper de eadem Willelmi Wright de Scoupewyk Roberti de Marton' de eadem Iohannis Moldson de Essheby Willelmi filii Galfridi de Tymberlound Ade atte Lane de Scoupewyk Thome del Grene de Rouston' et Iohannis Othe Wod de Amwyk qui dicunt quod Iohannes Nethird de Essheby die Sabati proximo post festum sancti Bartholomei anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlix^{no} apud Essheby furtiue furatus fuit vnum equum Isabelle de la Laund de Esseby precii x s. (*Marg:* Exigend'.)

77. Item dicunt quod Willelmus de Wytham de Riskyngton' et Emma vxor eius brasiauerunt et vendiderunt ceruisiam suam per discos non sigillatos per sigillum domini regis nec per sigillum domini de franciplegio eiusdem ville ad graue dampnum tocius populi vnde excessus inde xvij d.

W. de W. and E., his wife, brewed and sold their ale in jars not stamped with the king's seal, nor the seal of the lord of the frankpledge of the town, to the great loss of the whole people, whereby they had an excess profit of 18*d.*

78. Item Iohannes Yosyue et Agneta vxor eius de Riskyngton' brasiauerunt et vendiderunt ceruisiam per discos et non per mensuram sigillatam per sigillum domini regis nec domini de franciplegio eiusdem ville.

79. Item dicunt quod Hugo de Elnton' de Scopewyk est communis nocteuagax et rebellis contra constabularios de pace ita quod officium eorum non audent exercere nec occupare propter minas dicti Hugonis.

H. de E. is a common night-walker and a rebel against the constables of the peace so that they dare not do their duty, by reason of the threats of the said H.

Marg: WYN[NIBRIGGS]

80. Inquisicio capta coram prefatis iusticiariis apud Grantham die Martis proximo ante festum exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlix^{no} per sacramentum Radulfi de Kelby Iohannis de Brandon' Iohannis de Saperton' Rogeri de Somerby Willelmi filii Iohannis de Denton' Iohannis Pacy de Barkeston' Roberti Gaunt de eadem Iohannis Andreu de Sicheston' Simonis de Hikham de Oseby Ricardi Moris de Herlaston' Willelmi Page de Homby et Simonis atté Persones de Denton' qui dicunt quod Alicia vxor Iohannis Ledbeter de Welby brasiauit et vendidit seruissiam per ciphos et discos et per mensuras non sigillatas in excessu xij d. (*Marg:* Exigend'.)

81. Item Willelmus de Merston' de Welby brasiauit et vendidit ceruisiam contra assisam in excessu vj d.

Marg: WYN[NIBRIGGS]

82. Inquisicio capta apud Sleaford per sacramentum Radulfi de Kelby Thome Bygot de Grantham Ricardi Symond de eadem Iohannis Lewyn de Honyngton' Iohannis Andrew de Sicheston' Roberti de Paunton' de Paunton' Rogeri Friday de Belton' Iohannis Pacy de eadem Willelmi Forester de Welby Willelmi Fraunceys de eadem Roberti Gaunt de Barkeston' et Iohannis Gyb de Paunton' qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Iohannes Talliour¹ de Barkeston' interfecit Willelmum Pyper de System' felonice apud Barkeston' die Dominica in vigilia purificationis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlix^{no}. (*Marg:* Exigend'.)

¹ One of the two indicted of felony whose names do not appear on the *Coram Rege* rolls.

APPENDIX TO ROLL KK

I

Trial in the King's Bench of Thomas Taverner, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 197, no. 16, above) : Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 42d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Gilberto de Vmframauill et sociis suis nuper custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Kesteuene extitit presentatum quod Adam Walker de Noua Sleaford die Iouis in prima septimana quadragesime anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo secundo felonice interfecit Thomam Cole de Hekyngton' apud Hekyngton'.¹ Et Thomas Tauerner de Noua Lafford sciente [sic] ipsum Adam esse felonem domini regis die Veneris in prima septimana quadragesime anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo secundo receptauit apud dictam Lafford dictum Adam. Et modo coram domino rege isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Thomas Tauerner et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit. Et quia predictus Adam Walker de principali facto felonie predictae superius indictatus iam vtlagatus est prout patet per rotulos prefati Gilberti et sociorum suorum custodum pacis predictorum videlicet rotulo secundo curie hic liberatos predictus Thomas Tauerner instanter allocutus est qualiter de receptamento predicto se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Thomas Tauerner in nullo est inde culpabilis nec ea occasione se retraxit. Ideo ipse eat inde quietus etc. (*Marg:* Quietus nec retraxit.)

¹ See p. 196, no. 15, above.

II

Trial in the King's Bench of John de Wylughby, senior, John de Wylughby, junior, and John Conyngesby, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 197, no. 18, above) ; Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 42d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Gilberto de Vmframauill et sociis suis nuper custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Kesteuene extitit

presentatum quod Ricardus de Wouxprigge persona ecclesie de Ingoldesby die Iouis proximo post festum Epiphanie domini anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo tercio quendam Willelmum seruientem Iuliane del Hild de Osgodby apud Ingoldesby felonice interfecit.¹ Et quod Iohannes de Wylughby senior Iohannes de Wylughby iunior et Iohannes de Conyngesby constabularii de Ingoldesby scientes ipsum Ricardum esse felonem domini regis manutinent. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatos Iohannem de Wylughby seniorem Iohannem de Wylughby iuniorem et Iohannem de Conyngesby si etc. Et modo scilicet die Martis proximo post festum sancti Martini isto eodem termino coram domino rege hic venerunt predicti Iohannes de Wylughby senior Iohannes de Wylughby iunior et Iohannes de Conyngesby et reddiderunt se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committuntur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ducti veniunt. Et quia predictus Ricardus de Wouxprigge de principali facto felonie predictae superius indictatus iam vtlagatus est prout patet per rotulos prefati Gilberti et sociorum suorum custodum pacis predictorum videlicet rotulo secundo curie hic liberatos predicti Iohannes de Wylughby senior Iohannes de Wylughby iunior et Iohannes de Conyngesby instanter allocuti sunt separatim qualiter de manutencia predicta se velint acquietare. Dicunt quod in presentacione predicta non specificatur vbi prefati Iohannes de Wylughby senior et alii prefatum Ricardum de Wouxprigge manutenuisse debuissent vnde aliqua verificacio inde capi potest nec quod ipsi scientes ipsum Ricardum esse felonem de morte predicta ipsum manuteneere deberent per quod non intendunt quod dominus rex ipsos de manutencia predicta impetire velit aut debeat etc. Et quia curia nondum aduisatur ad ipsos inde ex causa predicta arenandos predicti Iohannes de Wylughby senior Iohannes de Wylughby iunior et Iohannes de Conyngesby dimittuntur per manus Willelmi de Helpyngham Iohannis de Beseby Iohannis Haroughdon' et Roberti Rouceby qui manucapiunt pro eis habendi corpora eorum coram domini rege de die in diem quousque etc. (*Marg:* Manucaptors.)

Postea continuato inde processu versus prefatos Iohannem Wylughby et alios vsque ad hunc diem scilicet a die Pasche in xv dies anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum primo.² Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium veniunt predicti Iohannes Wylughby senior et alii in propriis personis suis. Et viso per curiam et diligenter examinato indictamento predicto pro eo quod non fit mencio in eodem indictamento prefatos Iohannem de Wylughby seniorem et alios prefatum Ricardum de Woxeprigge manutenuisse scientes ipsum Ricardum feloniam predictam fecisse neque ad feloniam predictam faciendam neque post feloniam illam factam per receptamentum auxilium presenciam abbettamentum siue aliquo alio modo in speciali ac eciam pro eo quod non inseritur [in]

indictamento predicto aliquis locus in speciali vbi prefati Iohannes Wylughby et alii prefatum Ricardum Woxprigg manutenuisse debuit [sic] vnde aliqua verificacio versus eos capi potest per quod videtur curie quod indictamentum predictum minus sufficiens est ad ipsos inde ponere responsuros ideo iidem Iohannes et alii eant inde sine die etc.

¹ See p. 197, no. 17, above.

² In the roll of Hilary term, 1378, is noted the issue of a *capias* against them, returnable in Easter term (K.B. 27/468, Rex m. 16).

III

*Trial in the King's Bench of Richard, vicar of Ancaster, on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 200, no. 27, above); Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 49d.).*¹

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Gilberto de Vmframauill et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in comitatu predicto in partibus de Kesteuene extitit presentatum quod Adam de Manfeld Willelmus de Tiddeswell Rogerus Mundayn de Auburn' balliui domini regis die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Gregorij anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octauo apud Ancastre attachiauerunt Iohannem de Saltby de Ancastre diuersis feloniis indictatum et dictus Iohannes sic captus et arestatus Iohannes seruens ipsius Iohannis et Thomas filius eius predictis balliuis vi et armis insultum fecerunt et rescussum per quod dictus Iohannes fugit et euasit de predictis balliuis contra pacem. Et quod Ricardus vicarius de Ancastre fuit communis auxiliator per quod Iohannes de Saltby fugit et euasit de balliuis domini regis supradictis die et anno supradictis. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit hic terminandum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatum Ricardum vicarium de Ancastre ad respondendum etc. Et modo scilicet die Mercurii proximo post quindenam sancti Martini isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Ricardus et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de felonia predicta se velit acquietare qui dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis. Et inde ponit se super patriam. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Ricardus in nullo est culpabilis de felonia predicta nec ea occasione se retraxit. Ideo ipse eat inde quietus. (Marg: Quietus.)

¹ On m. 37d, this case is entered as far as the words: *Preceptum fuit vicecomiti Et modo*: the report then breaks off, with the marginal note: *Vacat hic quia alibi*.

IV

Trial in the King's Bench of Robert Matheu, on indictments before the justices of the peace (p. 203, no. 41, above) and King's Bench: Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 42).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Roberto de Wulughby et sociis suis nuper custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndeseye¹ extitit presentatum quod Robertus Matheu de Skynand apud Skynand die Veneris in festo apostolorum Simonis et Jude anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono furtive furatus fuit vnum equum de Iohanne Robert de Skynand precij viginti solidorum et est communis latro. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit hic terminandum. Ac eciam coram domino rege hic extitit presentatum quod predictus Robertus Matheu de Skynand furtive furatus fuit vnum filij de Iohanne Robynson de Skynand et vnum equum domini Iohannis de Wircete persone ecclesie de Skynand precij xxvjs. viij d. apud Skynand die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Luce Ewangeliste noctanter anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo octavo pro qua quidem feloniam bona et catalla ipsius Roberti ad valenciam quinque marcarum fuerunt arestata per Iohannem Clerk de Welburn de officio suo capitalis constabularii predictae villate de Skynand die Lune tunc proxime sequente. Et quod dominus Herbertus de Grely persona ecclesie de Thorpe othe Hille recepit bona et catalla dicti Roberti ad valenciam quinque marcarum supra-dictarum extra manus predicti constabularii que quidem bona et catalla sic arestata fuerant per predictum Iohannem Clerk de Welburn capitalem constabularium et idem Herbertus vna cum corpore predicti Roberti et bona predicta de ibidem vsque Thorpe othe Hille recepit tenet et adhuc detinet in domo quod tenet ad firmam de domino Iohanne Pygot chivaler de Dodyngton apud Thorpe predictam sciens ipsum illam feloniam fecisse. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eos etc. Et modo coram domino rege venerunt predicti Robertus Matheu et Herbertus et reddiderunt se prisione Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur [sic] Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ducti veniunt et predictus Robertus Matheu allocutus est qualiter de feloniam predictis se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Robertus Matheu in nullo est culpabilis de feloniam predictis nec hiis occasionibus se retraxit. Ideo ipse eat inde quietus. Et similiter predictus Herbertus quo ad receptamentum predicti Roberti Matheu per iudicium curie eat inde sine die etc. (*Marg:* Quietus nec retraxit. Sine die.)

¹This must be a mistake on the part of the clerk; the indictment, of course, was before the Kesteven justices.

V

Trial in the King's Bench of Roger Coker on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 206, no. 58, above); Michaelmas, 1376, at Westminster (K.B. 27/463, Rex m. 1).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Gilberto Dumframuyle et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Kesteuen' extitit presentatum quod Rogerus Coker de Whaplode felonice furatus fuit duos equos precij quatuor marcarum de Thoma atte Graunge de Welyngore apud Welyngore die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Iohannis ante portam Latinam anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo septimo. Quodquidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia certis de causis coram eo venire fecit terminandum etc. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eum etc. Et modo scilicet in octabis sancti Michelis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Rogerus postquam positus fuit in exigendo et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et allocutus est qualiter de feloniam predicta se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum. Et super hoc veniunt Rogerus filius Willelmi de Flete Rogerus Godard Iohannes Peke et Thomas de Whatton' et manucapiunt pro predicto Rogero Coker habendi corpus eius coram domino rege ad prefatum terminum etc. et sic de die in diem quousque etc. (*Marg:* Manucaptores.)

Postea scilicet die Sabati proximo post quindenam Pasche anno regni regis nunc Anglie quinquagesimo primo coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Rogerus Coker per manucepcionem predictam. Et dicit quod dominus rex de gracia sua speciali pardonavit ei sectam pacis sue que ad ipsum pertinet pro omnimodis feloniis exceptis etc. per literas suas patentes quas profert hic in curia in hec verba. [*There follows a general pardon, dated April 10th, 51 Edward III.*] Quarum pretextu idem Rogerus petit ipsum a prisona domini regis deliberari. Et inspectis literis domini regis predictis quia data carte predictae est infra tempus limitatum in statuto domini regis de sufficiente manucepcione de bono gestu inveniendae dictum est prefato Rogero quod sufficientem manucepcionem inueniat etc. Et super hoc veniunt Thomas Pynchebek Iohannes Peek Edwardus Heryng et Willelmus Sharnsbrok et manucapiunt pro predicto Rogero quod ipse se bene geret erga dominum regem et populum suum iuxta formam statuti predicti etc. Ideo consideratum est quod predictus Rogerus quo ad feloniam predictam eat inde sine die etc. (*Marg:* Sine die.)

VI

Trial in the King's Bench of John Joppe on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 206, no. 59, above): Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 63d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Gilberto de Vmframuyle et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Kesteuen' extitit presentatum quod Iohannes Ioppe de Brughton' felonice interfecit Anabillam Raulot vxorem suam apud Brughton' die Lune proximo post festum sancte Margarete virginis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatum Iohannem Ioppe si etc. Et modo scilicet die Iouis proximo post festum sancte Katerine virginis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Iohannes Ioppe per Marescallum ductus quia alias in custodia sua commissus fuit et allocutus est qualiter de felonia predicta se velit acquietare. Dicit quod ipse in nullo est inde culpabilis et inde de bono et malo ponit se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Iohannes Ioppe in nullo est culpabilis de felonia predicta nec ea occasione se retraxit. Ideo ipse eat inde quietus etc. (*Marg:* Quietus nec retraxit.)

ROLL H

(Assize Roll 529, mm. 10-14)

HOLLAND

[*m. 10. That this was originally the beginning of a separate roll is shown by the word primus, written at the foot of the membrane, see Introduction, p. xviii, chapter II.*]

Edwardus dei gracia rex Anglie et dominus Hibernie dilectis et fidelibus suis Willelmo de Huntynghfeld' Willelmo de Wychyngham Thome de Ingelby Willelmo de Torp' Rogero de Kyrketon' Iohanni Hode de Flete Willelmo de Spaigne Rogero Toup' et Thome de Pynchebek salutem. Sciatis quod assignauimus vos coniunctim et diuisim ad pacem nostram necnon ad statuta apud Wynton' Norhampton' et Westmonasterium pro conseruacione pacis eiusdem edita in omnibus et singulis suis articulis in partibus de Holand in comitatu Lincoln' tam infra libertates quam extra custodienda et custodiri facienda, et ad omnes illos quos contra formam statutorum predictorum delinquentes inueneritis castigandos et puniendos prout secundum formam statutorum eorundem fuerit faciendum, et ad omnes illos qui aliquibus de populo nostro de corporibus suis vel de incendio domorum suarum minas fecerint ad sufficientem securitatem de pace et bono gestu erga nos et populum nostrum inueniendam coram vobis venire et si huiusmodi securitatem inuenire recusauerint tunc eos in prisonis nostris quousque huiusmodi securitatem inuenerint saluo custodiri faciendos.

Assignauimus eciam vos octo septem sex quinque quatuor tres et duos vestrum iusticiarios nostros ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de partibus predictis tam infra libertates quam extra per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit de quibuscumque feloniis transgressionibus forstallarijs et regratarijs in partibus predictis per quoscumque et qualitercumque factis et quas exnunc ibidem fieri continget, et de hostelarijs et alijs qui in abusu mensurarum et ponderum ac in vendicione victualium, et eciam de quibuscumque operariis artificibus et seruatoribus et alijs qui contra formam ordinacionum et statutorum pro communi vtilitate regni nostri Anglie de huiusmodi operariis seruatoribus hostelariis et alijs inde factorum deliquerint vel attemptauerint in partibus predictis vel exnunc delinquere vel attemptare presumpserint, et ad processus versus omnes quos de feloniis huiusmodi contigerit indictari quousque capiantur reddantur vel vtlagentur faciendos, et ad transgressiones et forstallarias

predictas ad sectam nostram tantum, et ad regratarias predictas et omnia alia que per huiusmodi hostelarios et alios in abusu mensurarum et ponderum ac in vendicione victualium, et omnia alia que per huiusmodi operarios artifices et seruitores contra formam ordinacionum et statutorum predictorum seu in eneruacionem eorundem in aliquo presumppta vel attemptata fuerint tam ad sectam nostram quam aliorum quorumcumque coram vobis pro nobis vel pro se ipsis contorqueri vel prosequi volencium audienda et terminanda, et ad eosdem operarios artifices et seruitores per fines redempciones et amerciamenta et alio modo pro delictis suis prout ante ordinacionem de punicione corporali huiusmodi operariis artificibus et seruatoribus pro delictis suis exhibendis factam fieri consuevit castigandos et puniendos secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri Anglie ac formam ordinacionum et statutorum predictorum.

Assignauimus eciam vos octo septem sex quinque quatuor tres et duos vestrum quorum alterum vestrum vos prefati Willelme de Wychyngham et Thoma de Ingilby unum esse volumus iusticiarios nostros ad felonias predictas audiendas et terminandas, et ad omnia processus et indictamenta felonias et transgressiones forstallarias regratarias et alia predicta tangencia coram vobis prefate Willelme de Huntynghfeld et socijs vestris iuper custodibus pacis nostre et iusticiariis nostris ad diuersa transgressiones et malefacta in partibus predictis audienda et terminanda assignatis facta que nondum terminata existunt inspicienda et debito fine terminanda secundum legem et consuetudinem predictas ad [sic] formam ordinacionum et statutorum supradictorum.

Et ideo vobis mandamus quod circa custodiam pacis et statutorum nostrorum predictorum diligenter intendatis et ad certos dies et loca quos vos octo septem sex quinque quatuor tres vel duo vestrum ad hoc prouideritis inquisitiones super premissis faciatis, et transgressiones forstallarias et regratarias predictas ac omnia que per huiusmodi hostelarios et alios in abusu mensurarum et ponderum ac vendicione victualium, et eciam ea que per dictos operarios artifices et seruitores contra formam ordinacionum et statutorum predictorum presumppta vel attemptata fuerint audiatis et terminetis, et eosdem operarios et artifices et seruitores per fines redempciones et amerciamenta et alio modo castigetis et puniatis et vos octo septem sex quinque quatuor tres vel duo vestrum quorum alterum vestrum vos prefati Willelmus de Wychyngham et Thomas de Ingolby unum esse volumus felonias predictas audiatis et terminetis in forma predicta, facturi inde quod ad iusticiam pertinet secundum legem et consuetudinem supradictas. Saluis nobis amerciamentis et alijs ad nos inde spectantibus.

Mandauimus enim vicecomiti nostro comitatus predicti quod ad certos dies et loca quos vos octo septem sex quinque quatuor tres vel duo vestrum ei seire faciatis venire faciatis [sic] coram

vobis octo septem sex quinque quatuor tribus vel duobus vestrum tot et tales probos et legales homines de partibus predictis tam infra libertates quam extra per quos rei veritas sciri poterit et inquiri. Et vos prefate Willelme de Huntyngfeld' ad certos dies et loca per vos et dictos socios vestros profigenda processus et indictamenta predicta coram vobis et dictis socijs vestris venire faciatis et ea inspiciatis et debito fine terminetis sicut predictum est.

In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentem. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xv die Februarii anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo nono vero nostri Francie tricesimo sexto. Martyn.

Marg: ELLOWE

1. xij iuratores videlicet Robertus Michel de Spaldyng Willelmus filius Iohannis de eadem Simon Besaunde de eadem Robertus Besaunde de eadem Henricus de Sutton' Simon Thacker senior de Pinchebek' Iohannes Strotte Rogerus filius Willelmi Thomas Seman de Weston' Robertus Looke de Spaldyng Willelmus Toralde et Iohannes atte Borde de Weston' presentant quod Iohannes Borde de Spaldyng est communis mercator lane et vbi dictus Iohannes vendidit Margarete relicte Ricardi de Bothe tres petras lane de peltewoll et warantizavit lanam iuisse mundam et chapmanysware ubi dicta lana fuit mixta et puluerizata cum sablone per ipsum Iohannem pro pondere dicte lane aumentando pro quo quidem defectu dictus Iohannes predictam Margaretam postmodum occulte satisfecit. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

J. B. is a common wool merchant, and sold M. three stone of 'peltewoll', which he guaranteed to be pure wool and 'chapman's ware', when really he had mixed it with sand to increase the weight; and he subsequently made amends to her in secret for the deceit.

2. Item presentant quod Nicholaus de Repyngale Thomas de Birton' de Spaldyng tannatores vendunt communiter coria tannata ad duplicem valorem et sic capiunt pro artificio suo in tannacione tantum quantum corium crudum valuit in empicione et sic nimis excessiue ad maximum dampnum communitatis et patrie et deberent vendere coria tannata in pleno mercato diebus mercatorum et non vendunt nisi in suis propriis domibus. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

N. de R. and T. de B., tanners, commonly sell tanned hides at double their value, taking in this way, for their labour in tanning, as much again as the untanned skin itself is worth, and making thus too much profit, to the great loss of the community; and they ought to sell tanned hides in open market on market days, but they will only sell in their own houses.

3. Item presentant quod vbi Ricardus de Wike et Robertus Besaunde de Spaldyng iurati fuerunt super quandam inquisitionem domini regis die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Michelis archangeli anno regni regis Edwardi terciij nunc quadragesimo septimo ipsi simul cum alijs iuratoribus socijs suis indictauerunt Simonem

Heryng laborarium quia deuillauit in autumpna [sic] ibi dictus Ricardus de Wike concilium domini regis et sociorum suorum postmodum reuelauit die et anno predictis et dicto Simoni narrauit per quod dictus Simon ipsum Robertum [sic] minatus fuit de vita et membris et ipsum voluit interfecisse et est communis reuelator secretorum et consilij domini regis et sociorum suorum. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

R. de W. and R. B. were members of an inquest which indicted S. H., a labourer, of leaving town in the autumn, and the said R. de W. revealed the counsel of the king and of his fellows to the said S. H. [i.e. told him of the indictment]; wherefore S. H. threatened R. B. in life and limb and wished to kill him; and [R. de W.] is a common revealer of the secrets and counsel of the king and of his fellows.

4. Item dicunt quod Lambertus Humpe manens in Weston' quondam seruiens Roberti de Halmere die Lune [proximo po]st festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlviii apud Weston' furtiue cepit vnam ouem matricem Thome Seman de Weston' precij ij s. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

5. xij iuratores videlicet Simon filius Martini de Holbech Ricardus Coke de eadem Rogerus filius Willelmi de Flete Iohannes Storme de eadem Henricus de Sutton' de Sutton' [sic] Robertus Lok de Spaldyng Henricus filius Ade de Multon' Simon atte Bryg de Pinc[ebek] Simon Thacker iunior de eadem Alexander de Wyuelsey Robertus Halmar de Weston' Iohannes filius Willelmi de Sutton' et Rogerus Coker' presentant quod Thomas filius Alexandri Wyseberde de Holbech' die Veneris proximo ante festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno xlix^o vi et armis insultum fecit Iohanni filio Ricardi Fouleman de Quappelade apud Quappelade et ipsum verberauit wnerauit et male tractauit et est communis malefactor et perturbator pacis domini regis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

6. Item idem Thomas filius Alexandri Wyseberde minatus est predictum Iohannem ita quod dictus Iohannes non est ausus comorare nec esse in domo sua propria nec ire in negocijs suis ad suum prophicuum expediendum pro metu mortis et dictus Thomas prius inuenit securitatem de bono gestu erga dominum regem et populum suum sub pena xx librarum et post ea fregit multociens pacem domini regis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

T., son of A. W., threatened J. so that, for fear of death, he dared neither remain in his own house nor go about his business to seek his profit; and the said T. had previously found surety of good bearing, but afterwards broke the peace many times.

7. Item presentant quod Willelmus seruiens Gilberti Courte de Spaldyng' vi et armis insultum fecit Iuette vxori Henrici Thacker de Spaldyng' die Dominica in festo annunciacionis beate Marie virginis anno suprascripto apud Spaldyng' et ipsam verberauit wnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

8. Item presentant quod die Dominica proxima ante festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi tercii xlix^o

apud Spaldyng Walterus Leuotte de Spaldyng vi et armis insultum fecit Iohanni Page iuniori et ipsum verberauit wnerauit et male tractauit ita vt de vita sua disperabatur. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

[*m. 10d.*]

9. Item predicti iuratores presentant quod Iohannes Braban manens in Flete est communis textor panni linei et cepit de Nicholao Wryght pro textura lx vlnarum panni linei x s. et plus in toto xij d. [sic] et sic cepit excessiue iij s. vj d. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

J. B. is a common weaver of linen cloth and he took 10*s.* and more from N. W. for weaving 60 ells of cloth, amounting to 12*d.* in all, and he made thus 3*s.* 6*d.* excess profit.

10. Item presentant quod Walterus Braban communis textor panni linei manens in Holbech' cepit de Willelmo Skynner de Holbech' pro textura xxiiij vlnarum panni linei ij s. et iij d. et sic cepit excessiue xvij d. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

11. Item presentant quod Iohannes Cokeler de Multon' vi et armis insultum fecit Roberto Potter de Weston in Weston' die Lune proximo post festum Philippi et Iacobi anno regni regis Edwardi xlviij^o et ipsum male verberauit wnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem et est communis perturbator pacis domini regis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

12. Item presentant quod Alicia filia Roberti Cutte de Multon' fecit rescumsum Ricardo de Welby capitali constabulario sic quod recistata fuit ad seruiendum Henrico Catelyn de Multon' per dictum Ricardum. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

13. Item dicunt quod Adam Shene capellanus cepit furtiue de domo Iohannis de Ellowe de Multon' in Multon' die Mercurii noctanter proximo post festum exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno regni regis Edwardi nunc Anglie xlviij xx marcas in auro et argento. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

14. xij iuratores videlicet Iohannes Skey Ricardus Cok Willelmus Kittewilde Alexander de Blakewell' iunior Rogerus Coker Simon atte Brig de Pinchebek Simon Thacker senior Simon Besaunt Robertus Halmar de Weston' Robertus Loke Robertus Sparke et Simon Thacker iunior presentant quod Iohannes Alcoc de Gosberk' die Lune proximo ante festum conuersacionis [sic] sancti Pauli apostoli anno xlviij^o apud Pincebek vi et armis intrauit domum Alicie quondam vxoris Nigelli Alcoc' de Pinchebek et ibi fregit unam cistam dicte Alicie et cartas et monumenta dicte Alicie cepit et asportauit contra voluntatem dicte Alicie ad dampnum x librarum. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

J. A. forcibly entered the house of A. and there broke open a chest belonging to her and took charters and muniments of hers against her will and to her damage to the amount of £10.

15. Item presentant quod Thomas Copping de Weston' die Lune proximo post festum translacionis sancti Thome martiris

anno xlvij^o apud Weston' vi et armis insultum fecit Iohanni Worthorpe de Weston' et ipsum verberavitulneravit et male tractavit ita quod de vita sua desperabatur ad dampnum x marcarum et est communis malefactor et perturbator pacis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

16. Item quod Thomas filius Henrici de Quappelade vi et armis insultum fecit Iohanni filio Petri de Quappelade et ipsum verberavit vulneravit et maletractavit et brachium suum fregit intra [sic] duas partes contra pacem domini regis die Lune proximo post festum sancti Marci ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi xlix. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

17. Item dicunt quod Walterus Leuot de Spaldyng die Iouis in prima septimana quadragesime anno regni regis Edwardi xlix [?] recepit Thomam filium Hugonis de Sotirton' qui interfecit Iohannem Brightlem de Crouland vnde dictus Thomas vtlagatus est sciens ipsum feloniam fecisse. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

W. L. received T., who killed J. B. and had been outlawed in consequence, knowing him to have committed a felony.

18. Item dicunt quod die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Michelis archangeli anno regni regis Edwardi xlvij in marisco de Spaldyng Iohannes Daubeney manens in Depyng et Willelmus Blak' seruiens eius furtive ceperunt tres equos precij lx s. de Ricardo de Mersshe de Depyng. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

19. xij iuratores videlicet Simon filius Martini Iohannes de Reueryk de Tydde Ricardus Eliaduk de eadem Nicholaus Dobyn de Sutton' Rogerus filius Willelmi de Flete Willelmus Oldmedow de Holbech Ricardus Cok de eadem Willelmus Kitewilde de Quappelade Alexander Mad [*illegible*] de eadem Henricus Bolle de Multon' Simon Besaunde de Spaldyng et Simon Thacker senior de Pincebek presentant quod Robertus Stor [?] de Flete die Sabati noctanter proximo post festum accensionis [sic] domini anno xlix^o apud Flete insultum fecit Iohanni Tunnok de Flete et ipsum verberavitulneravit et male tractavit contra pacem domini regis et est communis perturbator pacis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

20. Item presentant quod Iohannes Hunston' de Tidde beate Marie Thomas Wynde Thomas filius Hugonis Knappok Iohannes filius Hugonis Benet Willelmus Fox de Holbech Galfridus Wynde Thomas Wynde de Gedency Simon Greyne Robertus de Boston' Petrus Gerarde Thomas Craton' Nigellus Gerarde Radulphus filius Petri Willelmus Dobson Ricardus Wayte de Quappelade Bartholomeus Puttok Iohannes filius Hugonis Alexander filius Fulconis Willelmus Richeson' de Multon' Iohannes Kyng de Weston' Willelmus Sayntmary de Pinchebek et Nicholaus Fysshier de Surflete sunt communes piscatores versus mare et ceperunt pisces minimas cum retijs suis et maskeris nimis strictis in destruccione

et vasto piscium per x annos elapsos ad magnum grauamen tocius communitatis et contra statutum et ordinacionem patrie inde prouisa et sunt multi alij piscatores quorum nomina ignorantur videlicet in Lutton' Sutton' et Gedeney qui faciunt similiter. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

J. H. and others, common sea-fishermen, have for ten years past caught small fish with nets too finely-meshed, causing destruction and waste of fish, and loss to the community, and many other fishermen of Lutton, Sutton, and Gedney, whose names are not known, do the same.

21. Item quod Willelmus Hyry de Surflete vendicat [for vindicat?] iniuste piscariam super sabulum [sic] inter Saltene¹ et maretum de Holbech et Quappelade sexto die Aprilis anno xlix^o [et] vi et armis ibi omnes piscatores [de] Multon' Quappelade et Holbech perturbat et eos fugat ut non audeant piscare in suo communi ad magnum grauamen tocius communitatis et contra pacem domini regis. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

W. H. unjustly claims the fishing grounds on the sands between Saltney and the marsh of Holbeach and Whaplode, and interferes with all the fishermen there, and chases them, so that they dare not fish in the common fishery, to the great harm of the community.

¹ Saltene^y, a place which is now extinct, was seemingly in the northern part of the parish of Whaplode, near the marshes of Holbeach and Moulton. The name is represented on the modern map by Saltneygate in Whaplode (cp. *Calendar of Ancient Deeds*, iii, p. 487). Thompson (*History of Boston*, p. 594n.) mentions that Ingulph in several places refers to 'the church of Sutterton and the chapter of Saltene^y'.

22. Item presentant quod piscatores predicti vendunt pisces captos hominibus extraneis super sabulum et nolunt ducere nec portare pisces predictos ad villas et fora ut debent perficere secundum legem et ordinacionem inde prouisas ad magnum grauamen tocius communitatis. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

The said fishermen also sell their fish to strangers on the sands, and will not bring them to towns and markets, as they ought to do.

23. Item dicunt quod Thomas Wilde de Multon' non wlt vigilare secundum statutum Wynton' et non wlt iustificari [per] constabularios sed est rebellis. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

24. Item dicunt quod Ricardus Graunte [?] de Flete fecit similiter. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

25. Item presentant quod Iohannes Em de Gedeney die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Hilarij anno xlvij^o apud Gedeney insultum fecit Roberto Em de Gedeney vi et armis ipsum male verberauit et wlnerauit contra pacem domini regis ita quod de vita sua disperabatur et est communis perturbator pacis. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

26. xij iuratores videlicet Simon filius Martini Robertus Halmar Henricus de Sutton' Iohannes filius Willelmi de Sutton' Rogerus Loke Ricardus Coke Alexander de Wyuelsey Rogerus Coker Willelmus Kitewilde Willelmus Randys Alexander Male

Iohannes filius Rogeri de Sutton' Iohannes Storme de Flete presentant quod Alexander Scarlet de Quappelode quarto decimo die mensis Mai [sic] anno xlix^o apud Quappelode insultum fecit Willelmo Hast de Quappelode super terram dieti Willelmi et ipsum male verberavit wneravit et male tractavit ita vt de vita sua disperabatur et hoc contra pacem domini regis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

27. Item presentant quod Nigellus Gerarde de Quappelode vi et armis insultum fecit parue Alicie de Quappelode et ipsam verberavit wneravit et male tractavit contra pacem domini regis die Sabati proximo ante festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno xlix^o apud Quappelode. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

28. Item presentant quod die Lune proximo ante diem Dominicam in ramis palmarum anno xlix^o apud Flete lis fait inter Willelmum Toone et Ricardum Milner de Flete et idem Willelmus athagatus fuit per Iohannem Storme constabularium de Flete et post athagementum dictus Willelmus Toone in quodam foro de Flete insultum fecit dicto Ricardo Milner et ipsum verberavit wneravit et male tractavit contra pacem domini regis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

W. T., having been attached by the constable of Fleet, in consequence of a quarrel between himself and R. M., afterwards assaulted R. M. in the market-place of Fleet and beat, wounded, and ill-treated him.

29. xij iuratores videlicet Ricardus filius Simonis de Cowbyght Robertus atte Bothe Iohannes Mylys Thomas [*hole in membrane*] de Pinchebek [*hole*] brygge Ricardus Howet Simon Thacker iunior Robertus Halmar Thomas de Grafton' Thomas Seman de W [*hole*] de Blakewell' iunior Willelmus Toralde et Iohannes Broune de Holbech presentant quod Iohannes filius Thome [*illegible*] die Lune proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie virginis anno xlix^o vi et armis insultum fecit Rogero Gyliot et ipsum verberavit vulneravit et male tractavit apud Holbech. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

30. xij iuratores videlicet Iohannes filius Willelmi Slygh Iolanus Buck Iolanus de Holand Robertus Randesson' Ricardus filius Roberti de Donyngton' [*hole*] Lambertus Mason' Iohannes de Dunesmere Lambertus atte Brygge Rogerus filius Ricardi de Wiberton' Willelmus Schirre [?] Robertus Sparks [?] Willelmus Dey et Robertus Capon' presentant quod Rogerus Clerke de Walpoll' die Lune proximo ante festum decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis [*illegible*] apud Fossedik insultum fecit Iohanni Bally et ibidem armilausam suam delaceravit contra pacem etc. et est communis malefactor. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

31. Item presentant quod Ricardus Waleson' [et] Hylary de Kirketon' insultum fecit [sic] Hugoni Jay de Swynsheued in festo

assumeionis beate Marie noctanter anno regni regis nunc Anglie xlvij^o apud Swynshened et eum verberavit vulneravit et male tractavit contra pacem. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

32. Item quod Willelmus Iay die Dominica proxima ante festum sancti Petri ad vincula anno regni regis Edwardi xlvij^o Iohannam de Bracke extra servicium abbatis de Swynsheued contra assignacionem constabularii cepit et abduxit et detinuit in contemptum domini regis. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

W. J. took J. de B. from the service of the abbot of Swineshead against the constable's assignment, and detained her.

33. Item quod predictus Willelmus Iay die Iouis proximo ante festum Pasce [sic] anno regni regis nunc xlvij^o insultum fecit Iohanni de Friston [?] et ipsum verberavit [et] vulneravit contra pacem. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

34. Item predictus Willelmus Iay insultum fecit Iohanni Kyng die Iouis proxima post festum Pasce anno supradicto apud Swynshened et ipsum verberavit [et] vulneravit contra pacem. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

35. Item predictus Willelmus Iay insultum fecit Ricardo de Kendale die Dominica proxima ante festum decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xlvij et ipsum vi et armis verberavit [et] vulneravit contra pacem et est communis verberator.

[*m. 11*: ij according to original numbering].

Marg: SKIRBECK

36. xij iuratores videlicet Robertus Clerk de Wrangle Ricardus filius Ranulfi Chapman Iohannes Wyhtlaunde de Wrangle Iohannes Godewyn de Leek Iohannes Crane de eadem Adam Bell de eadem Willelmus filius Rogeri de Benyngton' Ioseph filius Benedicti de Toft Rogerus Erlyn de eadem Thomas de Slotheby de Sancto Botulpho Thomas Emry de eadem Iohannes Emry de eadem Iohannes de Kyme de eadem presentant quod Iohannes serviens Willelmi Mustarder manentis in Boston' die Sabati proximo post festum Asencionis domini anno regni regis nunc xlix^o in Aliciam uxorem Iohannis Pety de sancto Botulpho bocher apud sanctum Botolphum insultum fecit et ipsam verberavit wneravit et male tractavit per quod de vita sua sepe disperabatur et alia enormia etc. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

37. Item presentant quod predictus Iohannes serviens Willelmi Mustarder predicti die et anno supradictis in Alanum seruiem suum ibidem insultum fecit et ipsum verberavit wneravit et male tractavit et alia enormia etc.

38. Item presentant quod Iohannes Smyht [sic] de sancto Botulpho wolleportour die Lune proximo post festum sancti Iohannis ante portam Latinam anno regni regis nunc Anglie xlix^o apud sanctum

Botulphum insultum fecit Thome Forman de sancto Botulpho tayliour et ipsum verberauit wlnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem regis. (*Marg*: Transgressio.)

39. Item presentant quod Willelmus Ropere de Wrangle die Veneris proximo ante Dominicam in pascione anno regni regis Edwardi xlix^o iuit ad piscatores maris vbi retia steterunt et ibi xl codelynges ad valorem v s. emit et forstallauit de piscatoribus de Leuerton' et Benyngton' et noluit ad Alanum Haliday proximum suum iij d. ad luercum ad quemlibet solidum capere. (*Marg*: Transgressio.)

W. R. went to the fishermen at their nets and there bought forty codlings worth 5s. and forestalled the fishermen of Leuerton and Bennington, and would not allow his neighbour [partner ?] A. H. to take a profit of 4d. in the shilling.

40. Item presentant quod Robertus Schether de sancto Botulpho est communis malefactor et perturbator pacis quia verberauit Iohannem de Hawerby de Lincoln' die Iouis proximo ante festum sancti Gregorij anno regni regis Edwardi xlix^o apud sanctum Botulphum.

41. Et dicunt quod predictus Robertus verberauit Alanum Corneseller videlicet die Dominica proxima ante Dominicam in Ramis Palmarum anno xlix^o apud sanctum Botulphum.

42. Item dicunt quod predictus Robertus Schether verberauit wlnerauit et male tractauit Iohannem filium Willelmi Scher de Frampton' die Lune proximo post festum Sancti Thome apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi xlix^o apud sanctum Botulphum.

43. xij iuratores videlicet Willelmus de Leuerton' de sancto Botulpho Robertus de Newlande de eadem Ricardus Roos de Botirwik Radulfus Farscix de Freston' Iohannes de Toft de sancto Botulpho Iohannes Malebroke de eadem Walterus filius Willelmi de Leuerton' Iohannes filius Alexandri de Freston' Iohannes Pissy de Freston' Iohannes Munke de Leek Robertus Ry de Wrangle Henricus de Newland et Robertus Warner de Boston' presentant quod Robertus Schether de sancto Botulpho commorans super pontem et Iohannes de Bollesore de Boston' tayliour die Mercurii proximo ante festum sancti Dunstani anno regni regis nunc Anglie xlix^o apud sanctum Botulphum vi et armis insultum fecerunt Henrico de Louthe de sancto Botulpho estirlyng et ipsum verberauit [sic] wlnerauit et male tractauit ita quod de vita eius disperabatur contra pacem domini regis. (*Marg*: Transgressio.)

44. Item presentant quod Walterus Marschale de Kirketon' et Agnes vxor eius et Amya Kemster seruiciens dicti Walteri die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xlvij^o apud Kirketon' insultum fecerunt Alicie Blakewell de Holbech et ipsam verberauerunt wlnerauerunt et male tractauerunt et alia enormia ei intulerunt videlicet pannos

suos delacerauerunt ita quod de vita disperabatur contra pacem domini regis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

45. Item dicunt quod Willelmus Fyssehe (finem fecit¹) de Freston' die Martis in septimana Pentecostes anno regni regis Edwardi xlix^o apud Freston' vi et armis insultum fecit Radulfo Blaunche de Freston' et ipsum verberauit wnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem domini regis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

46. xij iuratores videlicet Henricus de Neuland Andreas de Watirtoft Robertus Warner Robertus de Newlande Ioseph filius Benedicti Rogerus Erlyn Robertus Barfote Iohannes de Keele Adam Broune Iohannes Peronell' Iohannes Malbrok [et] Iohannes Murre presentant quod Ricardus seruicens Iohannis Couper de sancto Botulpho die Lune proximo post festum sancti Petri ad vincula anno regni regis Edwardi xlix^o insultum fecit vi et armis Iohanni Tregettour seruienti domini de Wylouby et ipsum verberauit wnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem domini regis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

47. xij iuratores videlicet Robertus Clerke de Wrangle Ricardus filius Ranulfi Chapman Iohannes Wythelambe de eadem Iohannes Godewyn de Leek Iohannes Crane de eadem Adam Bell de eadem Willelmus filius Rogeri de Benyngton Ioseph filius Benedicti de Toft Rogerus Erlyn de eadem Thomas de Slotheby de sancto Botulpho Thomas Emry de eadem Iohannes Emry de eadem et Iohannes de Kyme de eadem presentant quod Nicholaus Belman de sancto Botulpho Stephanus Croune de eadem Alicia de London' de eadem Rogerus de Loft de eadem Iohannes Gannesill' de eadem Sokyn vxor Simonis Candeler de eadem Katerina Drope de eadem Iohannes Brayder de eadem sunt communes forstallatores piscium videlicet buttys schullys codelynges wilkys et aliorum piscium continuando a die sancti Michelis anno xlvij^o vsque diem Mercurii in septimana Pentecostes proxime sequentem ad graue dampnum tocuis patrie. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

48. xij iuratores videlicet Alexander Hunnyng Ricardus Smyht [sic] Lambertus Mason Willelmus Dey Iohannes Broune Gilbertus Rede Robertus Heryng Ricardus Stybarde Lambertus Broune Iohannes Ny Willelmus Osse et Thomas Edmunde presentant quod Iohannes Oldirnesse de Swynesheued die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Michelis archangeli anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvij^o insultum fecit Iohanni Kyng de Swynesheued et ipsum verberauit vulnerauit et male tractuit contra pacem. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

49. xij iuratores videlicet Thomas Hemery Willelmus Bayard Iohannes Martyn Thomas de Slotheby Robertus Warner Robertus de Neuland Willelmus de Dilham Ricardus Steuenson Hugo de Fylyngham Iohannes Hardy Ricardus Botiller et Iohannes de Kyme dicunt quod Simon Blery milnere de sancto Botulpho et

Willelmus Milnere de Skirbeck die Sabati proximo ante festum natiuitatis beate Marie virginis anno regni regis Edwardi xlvij apud Skirbeck felonice interfecerunt Willelmum Tubbe milnere et Matillem vxorem eius. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

50. xij iuratores videlicet Robertus Rye de Wrangle Adam Belle de Leek Iohannes Godwyn Ioseph Benetson' Alanus Tomlyn Walterus filius Willelmi de Leuerton' Willelmus filius Rogeri de Benyngton' Radulfus Wayte Iohannes Brasse de Botirwyk Ricardus Roos Alanus de Claxby Iohannes filius Alexandri Rogerus Erlyn Andreas de Watirtoft et Iohannes Grane de Leek dicunt quod Thomas Lokhomes seruicus Ade Pape persone medietatis ecclesie de Leuerton' die Martis proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie virginis anno regni regis Edwardi tercii xlvij apud Leuerton' felonice interfecit Andream seruientem dieti Ade Pape persone. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

[*m. 11d.*]

Marg: KIRKETON'

51. xij iuratores videlicet Ricardus de Welby de Swynsheued Iohannes Sly de Fossedyk Radulfus Baly de Quadryng Iohannes Ropere de Kirketon Iohannes Baly de Wigtoft Iohannes Fleyl de Swynsheued Iolanus Buk de eadem Thomas de Puhirtoft de Fossedik Robertus filius Rogeri de Kirketon' Iuo Bateson' de Gosberkirk Iolanus de Holande de Bykyr et Thomas Abram de Algerk' presentant quod Agnes vxor Walteri Marsehale de Kirketon' in Holand die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xlvij^o in quandam Aliciam de Blakewell' insultum fecit et illam verberauit vlnerauit et male tractauit et capicium suum delacerauit contra pacem domini regis et Walterus Marseale [sic] presens fuit et abettans. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

A., wife of W. M., assaulted A. de B., beat her etc. and tore her cap; and W. M. was present and abetting.

52. Item presentant quod Rogerus Iorre de Swynsheued die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi tercii xlvij apud Swynsheued felonice interfecit Robertum filium Willelmi Webster de Swynsheued. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

53. Item quod Robertus filius Iohannis de Langwagh' de Algerkirk die Iouis proximo post festum sancte Margarete virginis anno regni regis Edwardi tercii xlvj apud Kirketon' in Holand v s. de loculo Willelmi seruientis Nicholai de Roos noctanter furtiue cepit et asportauit. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

54. Item quod Iohannes filius Alani Carter de Kirketon' die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Martini anno regni regis nunc xlvij apud Kirketon' tres hoggastros precij v s. de Iohanne

filio Thome de Kirketon' et Iohanne Nuttyng iuniore furtiue cepit et abduxit. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

55. Item dicunt quod Robertus filius Iohannis de Langwath die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xliij apud Sotirton' noctanter furtiue fregit domum Ricardi de Poluer et ibi vnam cistam cum bonis in ea existentibus ad valenciam dimidie marce furtiue cepit et asportauit. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

56. xij iuratores videlicet Iohannes atte Brigge Iolanus de Holand Robertus filius Rogeri Iuo Bateson' Iohannes de Longland Simon de Crabdam Willelmus Dey Iolanus Buk Thomas de Cranmer Iohannes filius Thome Annotson' Iohannes Sly et Iohannes Wolmer presentant quod Robertus filius Iohannis Fysscher de Kirketon verberauit wlnerauit et male tractauit Iohannem filium Thome Bele de Kirketon apud Kirketon die Dominica proxima ante festum sancti Valentini anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xlix^o ita quod de vita eius desperabatur et est communis malefactor et perturbator pacis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

57. Item quod Iohannes filius Ricardi filii Willelmi de Gosberkirke die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis Edwardi terciij a conquestu Anglie xlvij apud Wygtoft noctanter furtiue duxit et cepit quatuor oues matrices precij viij s. Iohannis atte Brigge de Wygtoft et est communis latro. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

58. Item presentant quod Willelmus Parker de Frampton' die Sabati proximo ante festum Pentecostes anno regni regis Edwardi nunc xlvij^o apud Frampton' in Iohannam filiam Petri filii Willelmi de Toft insultum fecit et illam verberauit et male tractauit et alia enormia ei intulit ad graue dampnum ipsius et contra pacem. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

59. Item dicunt quod Alicia vxor Alexandri Greyne de Swynesheued in festo purificationis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi xlvij furtiue furata fuit de domo Willelmi Palastre de Swynesheued apud Swynesheued quatuor lynthiamina precij iiij s. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

60. Item dicunt quod Iohannes de Grymston' souter et Willelmus filius Roberti de Knappeton' de Algirkirk die Dominica proxima ante festum sancti Andree apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij vi et armis apud Algirkirk insultum fecerunt Iohanni Martynson' tayliour et ipsam verberauerunt wlnerauerunt et male tractauerunt contra pacem domini regis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

Marg: ELLOWE

61. xij iuratores videlicet Henricus de Sutton' Iohannes filius Willelmi de eadem Thomas Male de eadem Iohannes Storme de Flete Willelmus Oldmedowe de Holbech' Ricardus Cook de

eadem Thomas Byld de Crouland Thomas del Pantrye Iohannes Grym Ricardus Raulyn de Holbech' Robertus Oldere et Iohannes Fissh' de Tyd dicunt quod Margareta seruiens Thome del Pantery de Crouland die Mercurii proximo ante festum annunciacionis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi xlviii apud Crouland furata fuit vnum par lynthiaminum et vessel de peutre de predicto Thoma ad valenciam xiiij s. iiij d. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

62. xij iuratores videlicet Ricardus de Pinchebek de Quappelade Willelmus Kittewild Alexander Blakewell' Gilbertus Rybold Robertus atte Crosse Thomas Gonne Ricardus Howet Simon Thacker iunior Simon Besaunt Robertus Loke Ricardus filius Simonis de Coubight Willelmus filius Henrici de Holbech' et Robertus Halmere presentant quod H [hole] Robard de Holbech' insultum fecit Iohanni Burdon de Quappelade die Lune proximo post [festum] sancte Margarete anno regni regis Edwardi xlvj et dictum Iohannem verberavit contra pacem regis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

63. Item dicunt quod Thomas Stuther de Spaldyng capellanus et Robertus de Bolyngbroke capellanus die Iouis proximo post festum exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno regni regis Edwardi xlvij Iohannem de Ellowe de Quappelade depre-dauerunt et domum suam fregerunt noctanter et apportauerunt de auro et argento et panno lineo ad valorem xx li. apud Quappelade.¹ (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ See App. I, p. 243, below.

64. xij iuratores videlicet Thomas Byld Iohannes Storme Ricardus Cooke Thomas Male Robertus Oldere Thomas Seman Ricardus de Wyke Simon Thacker senior Thomas Gonne Gilbertus Rybold Simon Thacker iunior et Willelmus filius Alani presentant quod Alanus Boseuyle de Estdepyng cepit furtiue tres equos precij xls. de Isabella quondam vxore Roberti Herre de Gosberkirke apud Gosberkirke die Dominica proxima post festum sancti Barnabe apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi xliij. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

65. Item quod Henricus Webstere de Crouland cepit furtiue de Radulfo Fouler et Emma Toly de Crouland duo lynthiamina precij ijs. apud Crouland viij die mensis Iunii anno regni regis Edwardi xlvij. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

66. Item quod Iohannes de Hole fengreyneman furtiue cepit de Simone Thacker seniore apud Pincebek ij solidos argenti de sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis xlvij. Et de Roberto Logge de Spaldyng furtiue ij s. die et anno supradictis apud Spaldyng. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

67. xij iuratores videlicet Alexander Male Iohannes Storme Rogerus Wyseberd Robertus Oldere Thomas Athelard Rogerus filius Willelmi de Flete Willelmus Kittewild Henricus filius Iohannis

de Sutton' Iohannes filius Willelmi de eadem Thomas de Wyktoft de Holbech' Willelmus Wyseberd et Rogerus Coker dicunt quod Thomas Treweloue de Quappelade furtiue cepit de Nicholao filio Henrici de Quappelade centum solidos die Iouis proximo post festum sancti Valentini anno regni regis Edwardi xxxiiij apud Quappelade. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

68. Item dicunt quod Iohannes filius Iohannis Tengy de Quappelade¹ furtiue cepit de Willelmo de Carton' de Holbech' die Iouis noctanter proximo post festum assumpeionis beate Marie anno regni regis xlvij [hole] apud [Holbech] vnam equam precij xl s.

¹ He was finally outlawed, see App. II, p. 244, below.

69. Et dicunt quod Iohannes Clerk de Welburne fuit [receptor dictorum] Iohannis et eque sciens ipsum feloniam predictam fecisse.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia.)

¹ See App. II, p. 244, below.

[*m. 12: vij, according to the original numbering.*]

Marg: SKIRBEK [?]

70. xij iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Thomas de Poluirtoft Ricardus de Welby Ricardus Harald Rogerus de Grymescroft Gilbertus Wate Adam Frankissh' Thomas Haurman Rogerus Haurman Alanus de Claxeby Iohannes filius Thome de sancto Botulpho Willelmus Bay de Bykyr et Iohannes Sly dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Robertus filius Iohannis Cook de Swynesheued felonice interfecit Iohannem de Thorneye monachum die Sabati proximo ante festum Carnipriuij anno regni regis Edwardi tereij xl apud Swynesheued et venit quidam Robertus Stratour sciens ipsum interfecisse felonice predictum Iohannem monachum et abduxit eum vi et armis.¹ (*Marg:* Felonia.)

R., son of J. C., feloniously slew J. de T., a monk, and a certain R. S., knowing him to have slain the said monk, came and took him away by force.

¹ See no. 79, below.

71. Item xij iuratores videlicet Thomas Hemery Hugo Hardy Ricardus Steunson' Thomas de Chosyl de sancto Botulpho Willelmus de Benyngton de eadem Ranulphus Prote Walterus Pesecode de eadem Iohannes Clementson' de eadem Petrus de Freston' de eadem Henricus de Leuerton' de eadem Iohannes Gybson' de eadem Iohannes Birche de eadem et Thomas de Gosberkirke dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Iohannes filius Walteri de Tottenham die Sabati proximo ante festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis Edwardi xlvj apud sanctum Botolphum furtiue furatus fuit singula [sic] cerchiues de cerico et alia bona ad valenciam xx li. de Waltero Pesecodde de sancto Botulpho Radulfo Prote de eadem et Willelmo Wyse de eadem. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

72. Item quod Benedictus Hoghyrd de sancto Bothulpho est communis tonsator monete videlicet auri et argenti apud sanctum Bothulphum et alibi in partibus de Holand continuando per v annos vltimo elapsos contra legem. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

B. H. is a common clipper of money, namely of gold and silver, at Boston and elsewhere in the parts of Holland, and has continued throughout the past five years.

73. Item quod predictus Benedictus et Iohannes de Bynglay de sancto Botulpho die Lune proximo ante festum Omnium Sanctorum anno regni regis Edwardi xlvj carcauerunt ij sarplers et vnum poke lane apud Frestonhorde non custumatos et inuenti fuerunt in quadam naue Iohannis de Malbrok.¹ (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

B. and J. conveyed two sarplers and a poke of uncustomed wool to Freiston and they were found in a ship belonging to J. de M.

¹See App. III (ii), p. 245, below.

74. Et dicunt quod Iohannes Hunte magister nauis recepit predictam lanam ut socius predictorum Benedicti et Iohannis de Bynglay sciens predictam lanam non custumatam.¹ (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

The master of the said ship received the wool as their accomplice, knowing it to be uncustomed.

¹See App. III (i), p. 245, below.

75. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Taillour de Hull' et Agneta vxor eius die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Gregorii anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij apud sanctum Botulphum furtiue furati fuerunt iij s. iij d. de Matille vxore Iohannis Symson' de sancto Botulpho et sunt communes latrones. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

76. xij iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Robertus Rye de Wrangle Ricardus filius Ranulphi Chapman de eadem Edwardus de Ryggesby de Leck Adam Belle de eadem Iohannes Graue de eadem Walterus filius Willelmi de Leuerton' Gilbertus atte Graste de Benyngton' Andreas Watirtoft de Skirbek Alanus Claxby de Freston' Ioseph filius Benedicti de Toft Iohannes Martyn de sancto Bothulpho Willelmus Bayard Thomas Hemery et Iohannes de Kyme de sancto Botulpho dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Iohannes de Louth de sancto Botulpho soutere die Iouis in festo sancti Thome martiris anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij apud sanctum Botulphum felonice interfecit Ricardum Randeuene de sancto Botulpho soutere. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

77. Item quod Iohannes filius Willelmi Lauson' de Benyngton' die Lune proximo ante festum sancti Michelis archangeli anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvj apud Benyngton' furtiue furatus fuit vnum iumentum precij vj s. de Radulfo filio Ricardi de Leuerton'. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

78. Item dicunt quod Stephanus filius Alani Loydon' de Benyngton' die Martis proximo post festum sancti Iohannis ante

portam Latinam anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvij apud Benyngton vi et armis insultum fecit Gode vxori Willelmi Beele et ipsam verberauit vulnerauit et male tractauit contra pacem regis. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

Marg: KIRKETON

79. xij iuratores wappentaci predicti videlicet Stephanus de Welby Iohannes filius Willelmi Sly Iollanus de Holand Iohannes Attildewe Willelmus Heryng Iohannes de Algerkirk Iohannes filius Thome filii Agnete Thomas Fisser de Bykir Iollanus de Skeldyk Simon de Crabdam Lambertus Hunnyng et Robertus de Melton' dicunt quod Robertus filius Iohannis Cook de Barthorpe de Swynesheued felonice interfecit apud Swynesheued Iohannem de Thorneye monachum de abbacia de Swynesheued die Sabati proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi xxxix.¹ (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ See no. 70, above.

80. Item dicunt quod Alanus Madour et Ricardus frater eiusdem Alani die Dominica in festo sancte Trinitatis anno regni regis Edwardi tercij tricesimo nono apud Swynesheued felonice interfecerunt Ricardum de Benyngton' de Swynesheued.¹

¹ See App. IV, p. 247, below.

81. Item dicunt quod Willelmus filius Ricardi Phipson' manens in Algerkirk nocte sancte Trinitatis anno predicto vi et armis roborauit et abduxit predictos Alanum Madour et Ricardum fratrem eius felones fugantes extra patriam.¹

¹ See App. IV, p. 247, below.

82. xij iuratores videlicet Stephanus de Welby Iohannes filius Willelmi Sly Iohannes Roper Iollanus de Holand Thomas filius Iohannis filii Warini Iohannes Batson' Iohannes de Algerkirk Ricardus Stybard Ricardus Smyth Ricardus de Leycestre Robertus Bonsyng et Iohannes filius Thome Annotson' presentant quod Robertus Heyk de Runton' die Mercurii proximo post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis Edwardi tercij tricesimo septimo apud sanctum Botulphum domum Roberti de Welbek intrauit et ibi vnam cistam dicti Roberti de Welbek furtiue fregit et furtiue cepit x libras auri et argenti et vnam zonam precij vj li. et asportauit. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ See App. V, p. 247, below.

83. Item dicunt quod dictus Robertus de Welbek die et anno supradictis sequebatur dictum Robertum Heyk vsque Holbech et ibi de eo cepit dictas x libras et zonam et vltra de pecunia propria dicti Roberti Heyk xxiiij libras argenti pro predicto furto celando. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)¹

¹ See App. V, p. 247, below.

84. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Nuttyng' iunior Iohannes Nuttyng' Robertus filius Rogeri Robertus Alger Ricardus filius

Iohannis Coucayne Robertus Edon Iohannes filius Alani Andreuson' Robertus filius Ricardi Taillour Ricardus Arnald Henricus Toly et Iohannes Palmere vi et armis venerunt apud Sotirton' die Iouis proximo ante festum Pentecostes anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xij et domum Hugonis Fiskemere intrauerunt et in ipsum Hugonem insultum fecerunt verberauerunt et male tractauerunt et quoddam hostium ipsius Hugonis fregerunt et Margaretam filiam Rogeri filii Hugonis de Fiskemere seruientem dicti Hugonis ceperunt et abduxerunt [hole] in Holand et illam ibidem contra pacem detinuerunt per viij dies sequentes per quod [dictus] Hugo seruicium ipsius amisit. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

85. xij iuratores videlicet Iohannes Sly Stephanus de Welby Willelmus de Roddyk Galfridus filius Rogeri Willelmus Huberd Iohannes Lyne Iacobus de Cobyldyk Thomas Iery Stephanus de Redyngge [?] Nicholaus Tounhyrd et Ricardus Basilson' dicunt quod Willelmus Hoghird de Wyberton molendinarius [ad] molendinum Iohannis de Kirkeby die Mercurii proximo ante festum sancte Margarete anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xliij venit et unum bussellum mixtillonis Willelmi Hobard et Iohannis Lyne de Wyberton' furtiue cepit et asportauit precij xx d. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

86. Item dicunt quod dictus Willelmus furtiue cepit de dicto molendino dimidium quarterium mixtillonis precij xl d. de Ricardo Heruy die [et] anno supradictis.

87. xij iuratores videlicet Robertus Rye de Wrangle Alanus Halyday Edwardus de Riggesby Adam [illegible] Rogerus del Hous Ricardus Clement Alanus Toullyn Radulfus Wayte de Benyngton' Alanus de Claxby Iohannes filius Alexandri Thomas Lauson' Iohannes Marche de Skirbek et Ricardus Steuen [?] de Weston' dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Iohannes Soye de Kirketon' shepard furatus fuit de [hole] de sancto Botulpho sexaginta multones apud mariscum in Holandfen die Dominica proxima post [torn] xlvj.

88. Item dicunt quod Iohannes de Louthe seruicus [corner of membrane torn away, so that only a few words appear from here till the end] predicti Ranulphi et abinde centum quadraginta libras Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi tercii xlvj furatus fuit.

89. furtiue furatus fuit ij quarteria mixtillonis precij dimidie marce Bermyngeham apud Algerkirke.

90. furatus fuit de Mauricio de Bermyngeham persona ecclesie proximo post festum sancti Nicholai anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlvj.

[*m. 12d.*]

91. xij iuratores videlicet Willelmus Bayard Stephanus de Welby Robertus de Welbek Thomas Tengry [?] Robertus de Lyndeseye Iohannes Fleyle Simon de Crabdā Iohannes Martyn de Boston' Thomas filius Alexandri Gelson' Adam Heynson' Iohannes filius Willelmi Oueray Robertus filius Roberti de Swynesheued et Thomas Fengreyne presentant quod Iohannes Lyne de Wyberton' constabularius eiusdem ville Willelmus filius Ricardi Steuenson' Ricardus filius Rogeri de Wyberton' die Martis proximo post festum natiuitatis beate Marie virginis anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvj vi et armis insultum fecerunt Iohanni de Malthorpe balliuo domine de Welle apud Wyberton' et ipsum verberauerunt vulnerauerunt et male tractauerunt contra pacem domini regis. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

92. xij iuratores videlicet Ricardus de Welby de Swynesheued Willelmus Coueyn de Kirketon Simon de Crabdā Iohannes Dunnesmere Iohannes atte Brig de Wygtoft Thomas Rousyng de Swynesheued Iollanus de Holand Willelmus Bay Ricardus filius Roberti de Donyngton' Lambertus Mason' de Quadryng Ricardus de Leycestre Willelmus Dey de Gosberkirk Ricardus Stybard Robertus Capon' Robertus Spark et Iohannes Worme de Wygtoft presentant [quod] Ricardus seruiens Willelmi Hollowe [et] Iohannes seruiens Iohannis Milnere de Swynesheued furtiue ceperunt viginti octo aucas per diuersas vices anno xlvj de Willelmo Brice de Swynesheued Iohanne Houston' de eadem et alijs die Sabati proximo post festum sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno supradicto. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

93. Item dicunt quod Iohannes Elwyn et Iohannes Bonde de Sotirton' die Lune proxime post festum sancti Nicholai anno xl furtiue ceperunt et asportauerunt e marcas auri de persona de Algerkirk. (*Marg:* Felonia.)

94. xij iuratores videlicet Stephanus de Redynges Willelmus de Roddyk Iohannes Batson' Robertus Spark Alanus Morice Ricardus Ioseph Iohannes Kyme Thomas Cursim Thomas Gollison' de [sic] Iohannes atte Brigg Robertus Flessheuer et Iohannes Baly de Wygtoft presentant quod Iohannes Attildew die Lune proximo post festum decollacionis sancti Iohannis Baptiste anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlij apud Bykyr insultum fecit Iohanni Person de Quadryng et ipsam verberauit vulnerauit et brachium suum dextrum et pollicem fregit vi et armis contra pacem. (*Marg:* Transgressio.)

95. xij iuratores videlicet Willelmus filius Iohannis de Spaldyng Ricardus de Wyke Iohannes Skey Iohannes Milys Rogerus Loke Iohannes Storme de Flete Iohannes Laxman de eadem Henricus de Sutton Simon atte Brig' de Pincebek Thomas Sikilbris iunior

Iohannes Broun de Holbeche Thomas de Wygtoft et Thomas de Grafton' dicunt quod Ricardus de Kele de Pincebek die Dominica in festo Pasche anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvj felonice interfecit Iohannem de Lyttelfen de Pincebek in Gosberkirke.¹ (*Marg: Felonia.*)

¹ In Easter term, 1376, one William de Stothell was tried on an indictment in the King's Bench as accessory to Richard de Kele and released on bail pending conviction or outlawry of the principal (K.B. 27 461, Rex m. 18).

96. xij iuratores videlicet Willelmus Roos de Spaldyng Ricardus de Wyke Thomas Seman de Weston' Robertus Halmere de eadem Rogerus Loke Thomas Rumney de Multon' Henricus filius Ade de eadem Thomas de Grafton' Willelmus filius Iohannis Simon atte Brigg' de Pincebek Robertus Swanpek Iohannes Storme de Flete et Ricardus filius Simonis de Coubyght' dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Iohannes quondam seruiens Ricardi atte Bothe die Martis proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij unum hordlop [?] cum anguillis vocatis kempys precii x d. in Spaldyng furtaue cepit et asportauit de [blank]. (*Marg: Felonia.*)

97. xij iuratores videlicet Robertus Sparke Gilbertus de Dyk Lambertus Mason' Ricardus filius Roberti Iolanus de Holand Willelmus Bay Simon de Crabdam Iohannes de Dunesmere Iohannes Slygh Iohannes Ropere Iohannes Bateson' et Willelmus Seirr' [?] presentant quod Stephanus de Warwik tressere venit ad domum Margarete Bally apud Fossedik die Dominica proxima post festum purificationis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi xlvij^o et in predictam Margaretam ibidem noctanter insultum fecit et cum cultello suo verberauit et male tractauit et est communis perturbator pacis et noctiuagus [hole]. (*Marg: Transgressio.*)

98. Iuratores videlicet Thomas Henry Willelmus Bayhard Iohannes Martyn Thomas de Slotheby Robertus [hole] de Newland Willelmus de Dilham Ricardus Steuenson Hugo de Fillyngham Iohannes Hardy Ricardus Boteler et Iohannes de Kyme presentant quod Ricardus de Bikre de Conyngisby Walterus Groo de sancto Botulpho Nicholaus Frerson' de eadem Petrus Ma [hole] Henricus de Stonhou Thomas Mariot Robertus Haldeyne Thomas de Dykre¹ de Fiete Willelmus Elwyn de eadem Thomas Cambok de sancto Botulpho et Petrus Cambok de eadem sunt communes brasiatores et forstallatores omnium turbarum de Westfenne et Holandfenne et abinde vsque Lincoln' per costras marcei per quod patria videlicet wappentaci de Skirbek et Kirketon multum adnichilantur et depauperantur eo quod predicti brasiatores et forstallatores causa maioris lucri emerunt e turbas pro iij s. et modo vendunt pro x s. et xij s. anno ut supra et causa diminucionis et cariacionis de communia patrie predictae

vsque ad partes externas ad graue dampnum patrie et oppressionem. (*Marg.* Transgressio.)

R. B. and others are common brewers and forestallers of all the turf from West Fen and Holland Fen as far as Lincoln, along the edge of the marsh, and they have caused great loss and impoverishment to the countryside because they bought 100 turves for 4s. and now sell them for 10s. and 12s. for the sake of higher profit, and because they remove [turf] from the common turbarry of the district to other parts.

¹ See App. VI, p. 248, below.

99. Item dicunt quod Iohannes de Spillesby de sancto Bothulpho insultum fecit verberauit et maletractauit Isabellam vxorem Thome Clerk coupere die Dominica proxima post exaltationem sancte Crucis anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij^o contra pacem etc. (*Marg.* Transgressio.)

100. Item dicunt quod Iohannes filius Iohannis de Loyndon' die Lune proximo ante festum natiuitatis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi xlvij^o apud Benyngton' vi et armis insultum fecerunt verberauerunt et winerauerunt Willelmum Basse de Wrangle contra pacem. (*Marg.* Transgressio.)

101. xij iuratores videlicet Robertus Ry Adam Bell' Iohannes Crane Walterus filius Willelmi filii Rogeri Radulfus Wayt Ricardus Roos de Botirwik Alanus de Clauxby Ioseph Beneson' de Toft Andreas Watirtoft Thomas de Slotheby Kobertus Warner et Iohannes Batayl presentant quod Iohannes filius Iohannis Iulian die Martis in festo sancti Stephani anno regni regis Edwardi xlvij^o apud sanctum Botulphum insultum fecit Willelmo filio Iohannis Coke et ipsum verberauit et male tractauit contra pacem. (*Marg.* Transgressio.)

102. Item dicunt quod Iohannes filius Iohannis de Gosberkirk die Dominica proxima ante festum sancti Edmundi anno regni regis Edwardi xlvij^o apud Wrangle intrauit clausum Petri de Gibthorpe noctanter et Iohannem filium et heredem predicti Petri vi et armis cepit et abduxit contra pacem etc. (*Marg.* Transgressio.)

103. Item dicunt quod Ricardus de Rowe Adam Baxstere Willelmus Benet de sancto Bothulpho pistores pistabant [?] intra [hole] hoc tempore instanter ad graue dampnum patrie. (*Marg.* Transgressio.)

104. xij iuratores videlicet Willelmus filius Iohannis de Spaldyng Ricardus de Wike Iohannes Skey Simon [hole] atte Brigge Thomas Seman de Weston' Robertus atte Bothe Iohannes Mylys Gilbertus Ribo [hole] Treueloue Hugo Race [?] et Robertus Halmare presentant quod Hugo Wilde de Multon' die Martis proximo post festum [Omniium Sanct]orum anno regni regis Edwardi terciij xlvij [?] apud Spaldyng vi et armis insultum fecit Margarete vxori Thome Oxherde de

Spaldyng et ipsam verberavit vulneravit et male tractavit contra pacem et ibi venit Ricardus filius Simonis de Spaldyng capitalis constabularius et ipsum Hugonem voluit arestasse ad pacem [et] predictus Hugo noluit stare ad arestacionem suam sed ipsum Ricardum cepit [illegible] et ipsum Ricardum constabularium prostravit ad terram et ipsum voluit percussisse contra pacem domini regis et sic aperte voluisset in contemptum domini regis.

H. W. assaulted M., the wife of T. O., and beat her etc., and when the chief constable came and would have arrested him, he refused to submit to arrest, but took the constable, and threw him to the ground, and would have struck him.

[Last two entries on the membrane are practically illegible.]

[m. 13: no old numbering.]

Edwardus dei gracia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie et Aquitanie dilectis et fidelibus suis Iohanni duci Lancastrie Willelmo de Huntyngfeld Thome de Ingelby Rogero de Merys Iohanni de Cauendisshe Iohanni Hode de Flete Henrico Asty et Willelmo de Spayne salutem. Sciatis quod asingnaimus [sic] vos coniunctim et diuisim ad pacem nostram necnon ad statuta apud Wynton' Norhampton' et Westmonasterium pro conseruacione pacis eiusdem edita in omnibus et singulis suis articulis in partibus de Holand in comitatu Lincoln' tam infra libertates quam extra custodienda et custodiri facienda, et ad omnes illos quos contra formam statutorum predictorum delinquentes inueneritis castigandos et puniendos prout secundum formam statutorum eorundem fuerit faciendum, et ad omnes illos qui aliquibus de populo nostro de corporibus suis vel de incendio domorum suarum minas fecerint ad sufficientem securitatem de pace et de bono gestu suo erga nos et populum nostrum inueniendam coram vobis venire et si huiusmodi securitatem inuenire recusauerint tunc eos in prisonis nostris quousque huiusmodi securitatem inuenerint saluo custodiri faciendos.

Asingnaimus eciam vos septem sex quinque quatuor tres et duos vestrum iusticiarios nostros ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de partibus predictis tam infra libertates quam extra per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit de quibuscumque felonis transgressionibus forstallarijs et regratarijs in partibus predictis per quoscumque et qualitercumque factis et quas ex nunc ibidem fieri continget, et de hostellarijs et alijs qui in abusu mensurarum et ponderum ac in vendicione victualium, et eciam de quibuscumque operarijs artificibus et seruatoribus et alijs qui contra formam ordinacionum et statutorum pro communi vtilitate regni nostri de huiusmodi operarijs [sic] artificibus seruatoribus hostellarijs et alijs inde factorum deliquerint vel attemptauerint in partibus predictis vel exnunc delinquere vel attemptare presumpserint, et ad processus versus omnes quos de

feloniis huiusmodi contigerit indictari quousque capiantur reddantur vel vtlagentur faciendos, et ad transgressiones et forstallarias predictas ad sectam nostram tantum, ac regratarias predictas et omnia alia que per huiusmodi hostelarios et alios in abvsu mensurarum et ponderum ac in vendicione victualium, et omnia alia que per huiusmodi operarios artifices et seruitores contra formam ordinationum et statutorum predictorum seu in eneruacionem eorundem in aliquo presumpta vel attemptata fuerint tam ad sectam nostram quam aliorum quorumcumque coram vobis pro nobis vel pro seipsis conqueri vel prosequi volencium audienda et terminanda, et ad eosdem operarios artifices et seruitores per fines redempeiones et amerciamenta et alio modo pro delictis suis prout ante ordinationem de punicione corporali huiusmodi operariis artificibus et seruatoribus pro delictis suis exhibendis factam fieri consuevit castigandos et puniendos secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri ac formam ordinationum et statutorum predictorum.

Assignauimus eciam vos septem sex quinque quatuor tres et duos vestrum quorum aliquem vestrum vos prefati Thoma Rogere et Iohanne de Cauendisshe vnum esse volumus iusticiarios nostros ad felonias predictas audiendas et terminandas. Et ad omnia processus et indictamenta felonias transgressiones forstallarias regratarias et alia [predicta] tangencia coram vobis prefate Henrice et sociis vestris nuper custodibus pacis nostre et iusticiariis nostris ad diuersa transgressiones et malefacta in partibus predictis audienda et terminanda assignatis facta que nondum terminata sunt inspicienda et debito fine terminanda secundum legem et consuetudinem predictas ac formam ordinationum et statutorum predictorum.

Et ideo vobis mandamus quod circa custodiam pacis et statutorum nostrorum predictorum diligenter intendatis et ad certos dies et loca quos vos sepetem [sic] sex quinque quatuor tres vel duo vestrum ad hoc prouideritis inquisitiones super premissis faciatis, et transgressiones forstallarias et regratarias predictas ac alia que per huiusmodi hostelarios et alios in abusu mensurarum et ponderum ac in vendicione victualium, et eciam ea que [per] dictos operarios artifices et seruitores contra formam ordinationis et statutorum predictorum presumpta vel attemptata fuerint audiatis et terminetis, et eosdem operarios artifices et seruitores per fines redempeiones et amerciamenta et alio modo castigetis et puniatis et vos septem sex quinque quatuor tres et duo vestrum quorum aliquem vestrum vos prefati Thoma Rogere et Iohannes de Cauendisshe unum esse volumus felonias predictas audiatis et terminetis in forma predicta, facturi inde quod ad iusticiariam [sic] pertinet secundum legem et consuetudinem supradictas. Saluis vobis [sic] amerciamentis et aliis inde ad nos inde spectantibus.

Mandauimus enim vicecomiti nostro comitatus predicti quod ad certos dies et loca quos vos septem sex quinque quatuor tres

vel duo vestrum ei sciri faciatis venire faciat coram vobis septem sex quinque quatuor tribus vel duobus vestrum tot et tales probos et legales homines de balliua sua tam infra libertates quam extra per quos rei veritas in premissis melius sciri poterit et inquire. Et vos prefate Henrice ad certos dies et loca per vos et dictos socios vestros profigenda processus et indictamenta coram vobis et dietis sociis vestris venire faciatis et ea inspiciatis et debito fine terminetis sicut predictum est.

In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium x die Iulij anno regni nostri quadragesimo secundo.

[*m. 14: no old numbering.*]

105. xij iuratores videlicet Willelmus Coueyne Lambertus atte Brigge Iohannes Ropere Thomas filius Warini Iohannes filius Willelmi Sly Ricardus Slygh' Willelmus de Roddyk Lambertus Hunnyng Simon de Crabdun Iohannes de Donsemere Iohannes atte Brigge et Iohannes Magelyn presentant quod cum Stephanus de Redynges et Iohannes Lync constabularii villate de Wyberton' quendam Ricardum Rote vacabundum pro eo quod noluit seruire per annum secundum statutum regis posuerunt in ceppis apud Wyberton' quousque se iusticiari voluerit venerunt Stephanus capellanus rectoris de Wyberton' Iohannes Candeler capellanus Robertus Chamberleyn et Iohannes seruiens dicti rectoris die Iouis in festo sancti Thome martiris anno regni regis Edwardi nunc Anglie xlvij in eadem villa vi et armis videlicet gladiis arcibus et sagittis et in predictos constabularios insultum fecerunt et ipsos verberauerunt [et] vulnerauerunt ita quod de vita eorum desperalatur et predictum Ricardum Rote extra ceppos regis cepisse voluerunt in contemptum domini regis et contra pacem regis etc.

When the constables of Wyberton had placed in the stocks R. R., a vagabond, who would not serve by the year, until he should submit to them, S., J. C., R. C., and J. assaulted the constables with swords, bows, and arrows, and tried to take the said R. R. from the stocks.

106. xij iuratores videlicet Thomas filius Warini de Kirketon' Ricardus Steuenson' Iohannes filius Thome Annoason' Willelmus Heryng Alexander Hunnyng Willelmus Dey junior Simon de Crabdun Willelmus de Roddyk Iuo Batson' Gilbertus filius Ricardi de Gosberkirke Robertus Spark Willelmus Halmere Adam Foldewe Alexander Male Robertus White Thomas de Carton' Rogerus Wyseberd et Iohannes Broun de Holbeche presentant quod Iohannes Care de Holbeche die Lune proximo post festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlj apud Holbeche insultum fecit Iohanni Broun de Holbeche per verba contumeliosa et maliciosa et ipsum Iohannem Broun minatus fuit ad verberandum et interficiendum submittens eidem Iohanni Broun esse vnum indictatorem ipsius Iohannis Care et omnes indictatores ipsius Iohannis Care

maliciose vexare per quamcumque viam vbi et quo loco ipsos nocere potuerit minatus fuit ita quod omnes indictatores in wappentaco de Elowe coram quibuscumque iusticiariis domini regis capti erunt minati sic et castigati in antea quod occasione predicti Iohannis Care et eius audacione male faciendo subtrahent se ad quoscumque malefactores indictare vel alio modo nocere.

J. C. attacked J. B. with shameful and malicious words and threatened to beat and kill him, alleging him to be one of his indictors; and he threatened to harm all his other indictors, in whatever way and wherever he could, so that all the indictors in the wapentake of Elloe, before whatever justices, should be so threatened and admonished beforehand, by reason of J. C. and by his daring in ill-doing, that they would refrain from indicting or in any way harming any evil-doers.

107. Item quod predictus Iohannes Care verberavit [et] vulneravit Iohannem atte Hirne de Holbech' in Holbech' die Martis proximo post festum sancti Mathie apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi tercij xlii contra pacem domini regis.

APPENDIX TO ROLL H

I

Trial in the King's Bench of Thomas Stuther and Robert de Bolingbroke on indictments before justices of the peace (p. 231, no. 63, above) and King's Bench: Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 40).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Willelmo de Huntyngfeld et sociis suis nuper eustodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Holand extitit presentatum quod Thomas Stuther de Spaldyng capellanus et Robertus de Bolyngbroke capellanus die Iouis proximo post festum exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo septimo Iohannem de Ellowe de Quaplade depredauerunt et domum suam fregerunt noctanter et asportauerunt de auro et argento et pannum lineum ad valenciam viginti librarum furtiue apud Quaplade. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino certis de causis coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Ac eciam predicti Thomas Stuther et Robertus de Bolyngbroke per nomen Roberti de Bolyngbroke capellani naper manentis ad capellam sancti Iacobi in Multon' isto eodem termino coram domino rege hic indictati sunt de eo quod ipsi die Iouis proximo post festum exaltacionis sancte Crucis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo septimo apud Multon' domum Iohannis Ellowe de Multon' noctanter intrauerunt et viginti mareas in auro et argento ibidem inuentas et pannum lineum et laneam telam precij sexaginta solidorum furtiue ceperunt et furati fuerunt et asportauerunt. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod eaperet eos si etc. Et modo coram domino rege hic veniunt predicti Thomas Stuther et Robertus de Bolyngbroke per Marescallum ducti qui alias in custodia sua commissi fuerunt et allocuti sunt separatim qualiter de feloniiis predictis se velint acquietare. Dicunt separatim quod ipsi in nullo sunt inde culpabiles et de hoc ponunt se super patriam etc. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. Iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicti Thomas Stuther et Robertus de Bolyngbroke in nullo sunt culpabiles de feloniiis predictis nec hiis occasionibus se retraxerunt. Ideo ipsi eant inde quieti etc. (*Marg:* Quietus quietus nec retraxerunt.)

II

Trial in the King's Bench of John Clerk on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 232, no. 69, above): Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 42).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Roberto de Wylughby et sociis suis nuper custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Lyndeseye¹ extitit presentatum quod vbi Iohannes filius Iohannis Tengy de Quaplade furtive cepit de Willelmo de Carton' de Holbech' die Iouis proximo post festum assumptionis beate Marie anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo septimo apud Holbech' vnam equam precij quadraginta solidorum.² Et quod Iohannes Clerk de Welburn' fuit receptor dictorum Iohannis et eque sciens ipsum feloniam predictam fecisse. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet prefatum Iohannem Clerk si etc. Et modo coram domino rege hic isto eodem termino venit predictus Iohannes Clerk et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta qui committitur Marescallo. Et statim per Marescallum ductus venit et quia predictus Iohannes filius Iohannis Tengy de principali facto felonie predictae superius indictatus nondum vtlagatur nec aliquo modo conuictus est predictus Iohannes Clerk dimittitur per manucapcionem Thome Claymond Iohannis de Sadyngton' Rogeri Touppe et Willelmi de Stathern' qui manucapiunt pro predicto Iohanne Clerk habendi corpus eius coram domino rege in octabis sancti Michelis vbicumque etc. (*Marg:* Manucaptors.) Ad quem diem coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Iohannes Clerk per manucapcionem predictam. Et quia predictus Iohannes filius Iohannis Tengy de principali facto felonie predictae superius indictatus iam vtlagatus est prout patet per breuia regis [de] termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quinquagesimo predictus Iohannes Clerk instanter allocutus est qualiter de receptamento predicto se velit acquietare. Dicit quod non intendit quod dominus rex ipsum ad indictamentum predictum [arenare debet?] quod in se insufficiens est pro eo videlicet quod non inseritur locus in indictamento predicto vbi predictus Iohannes Clerk prefatum Iohannem filium Iohannis Tengy receptasse debuisset etc. Et viso indictamento predicto et diligenter examinato pro eo quod non habetur locus vbi prefatus Iohannes Clerk prefatum Iohannem filium Iohannis Tengy receptasse debuisset vbi aliqua verificacio inde versus prefatum Iohannem Clerk capi potest ideo idem Iohannes Clerk quo ad receptamentum predictum eat inde sine die etc. Et super hoc veniunt Iohannes de Sadyngton' Willelmus de Stathern' Iohannes Nuttyng et Iohannes Keuermond et manucapiunt predictum Iohannem Clerk de se bene gerendo erga dominum regem et populum suum quilibet eorum sub pena decem librarum. (*Marg:* Sine die.)

¹ Clearly a mistake on the part of the clerk; the indictment was before the Holland justices.

² See no. 68, above.

III

(i) *Indictment before the King's Bench of John Hunt, for receiving uncustomed wool* (p. 233. nos. 73-4, above); *Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln* (K.B. 9/59, m. 50d.).

Inquisicio capta coram domino rege apud Lincoln' die Veneris proximo post festum sancti Dionisii anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum quadragesimo nono per sacramentum [names of twelve jurors] qui dicunt quod Benedictus Hogerd mercer de Sancto Botolpho et Iohannes Byngle de eadem die Lune proximo post festum sancti Michelis anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum quadragesimo sexto apud Sanctum Botulphum noctanter cariauerunt quatuor saccas et dimidiam lane non custumatas nec tronatas precii sacee viij marcarum vsque locum in mari qui vocatur Frestonhorde et ibi posuerunt in quadam nauí Iohannis Malbrok schyplord vocata le Clement vnde Iohannes Hunt fuit schypmester et dietas lanas ibi recepit ad abducendum vltra mare precii nauis predictæ x librarum.

(ii) *Indictment and trial in the King's Bench of William de Spayne, summoned to answer for the disposal of the wool*: *Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln* (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 13d.).

Marg: LINCOLN

Iuratores diuersorum wappentacorum comitatus predicti isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' presentauerunt quod die Lune proximo ante festum Ascensionis domini anno regni regis Edwardi tercij post conquestum Anglie quadragesimo sexto Iohannes Byngle de Sancto Botolpho et Benedictus Hoghirde de Sancto Botolpho apud villam de Sancto Botolpho imposuerunt secreta in quadam nauí vocata Clement precij viginti marcarum Iohannis de Malbrok de Sancto Botolpho quatuor saccas et dimidiam lane precij sake octo marcarum absque aliqua custuma seu subsidio inde domino regi soluendis quas quidem Iohannes Malbrok et Rogerus Broude balliui custumariorum domini regis de lanis predictis in nauí predicta inuenerunt quas liberauerunt Willelmo de Spayne et Thome Aubray custumariis predictis ad opus domini regis etc. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod venire faceret prefatos Willelmum de Spaigne et Thomam Aubray ad respondendum etc. Et modo scilicet die Martis proximo post crastinum Animarum isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Willelmus de Spayne in propria persona sua. Et de predicto Thoma Aubray vicecomes retornat quod mortuus est quod sufficienter testatum est. Ideo nichil vterius de eo. (*Marg:* Obiit.) Et super hoc quesitum est a prefato Willelmo de Spayne si quid pro se habeat vel dicere sciat quare domino regi de valore lane predictæ respondere non debeat qui dicit quod non potest dedicere quin ipse recepit de prefatis Iohanne

Malbrouk et Rogero Broude predictas quatuor saccas et dimidiam preter vnam petram de qua quidem lana preter predictam petram computauit in seaccario domini regis et inde satisfacit domino regi et inde vocat recordum rotulorum seaccarii predicti de compoto suo predicto etc. (*Marg: Spayne.*)

Et Thomas de Shardelowe qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod predictus Willelmus recepit de prefatis Iohanne Malbrouk et Rogero Broude predictas quatuor saccas lane et dimidiam prout superius presentatum est et hoc pro domino rege offert verificare per patriam etc. Et predictus Willelmus similiter. Ideo fiat inde iurata etc. [*The verdict of the jury is that Spayne received the wool from Malbrouk and Broude, all but one stone, as he has said.*]

Ideo idem Willelmus quo ad vnam petram lane predictae eat inde sine die etc. et quo ad residuum eiusdem lane mandatum est Thesaurario et Baronibus seaccarii predicti quod scrutatis rotulis de compoto predicti Willelmi de Spayne inde facto in seaccario predicto residentibus id quod inueniri contigerit in eisdem distincte et aperte sub sigillo seaccarii predicti mittant coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbicumque etc. vt vltius etc.

[*The answer of the Treasurer and Barons is returned in Easter term, as follows :*]

Pretextu breuis regii [sic] huic cedulae consuti scrutato compoto Willelmi de Spaigne et Thome Aubray nuper collectorum custume in eodem breui specificato compertum est in eodem quod ijdem nuper collectores responderunt de xxiiij libris iij s. jd. de precio duorum sarplarum et unius poketti lane ponderantium iiii^{or} saccos et l clauos venditorum precii sacci iiii l. xiiij s. iiii d. nulla facta mencione in eodem compoto cuius vel quorum dicte lane fuerunt nec per quos in manum regis capta extiterunt. Per recorda de anno 1^o.

Et Thomas de Shardelowe qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod predicta lana in dicta certificatione contenta est alia lana quam in dicta certificatione [sic] continetur et hoc pro domino rege offert verificare per patriam etc. Et predictus Willelmus de Spaigne dicit quod est eadem lana que in dicta presentacione continetur et non alia et hoc petit quod inquiri per patriam etc. Et predictus Thomas similiter. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancte Trinitatis vbicumque etc.

[*The jury was finally held at Nisi Prius ; its verdict was returned in Hilary term, 1377, as follows :*]

Postea die et loco infracontentis coram Rogero de Kirketon vno iusticiariorum domini regis de communi banco associato sibi Frederico de Tylneye per formam statuti etc. venit Willelmus de Spayne infranominatus in propria persona sua. Et facta proclamacione pro domino rege prout moris est. Et nullus venit. Et similiter iuratores veniunt qui ad hoc electi triati et iurati dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictae quatuor sacce et dimidia

lane preter vnam petram vnde in presentacione infra fit mencio sunt eedem lane vnde prefati Willelmus de Spaigne et Thomas Aubray nuper collectores custume regis in villa de Sancto Botulpho in scaccario regis super compoto sua responderunt de viginti et tribus libris tribus solidis et vno denario de precio duorum sarplarum et vnus poketti lane ponderantium quatuor saccos et quinquaginta clauos et non alie neque plures.¹

¹ For a discussion of this case, see Introduction, p. lxiv, chapter VI.

IV

Trial in the King's Bench of William, son of Richard Phipson on indictment before justices of the peace (p. 234, nos. 80-1, above); Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 33d.)

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Willelmo Huntynfeld et sociis suis custodibus pacis domini regis comitatus predicti in partibus de Holand extitit presentatum quod Alanus Madour et Ricardus frater eiusdem Alani die Dominica in festo sancte Trinitatis anno regni regis nunc Anglie tricesimo nono apud Swynesheued felonice interfecerunt Ricardum de Benyngton' de Swynesheued. Item quod Willelmus filius Ricardi Phipson manens in Algerkirk nocte sancte Trinitatis anno predicto vi et armis roborauit et abduxit predictos Alanum Madour et Ricardum fratrem eius felones fugantes extra patriam etc. Quod quidem indictamentum dominus rex inter alia isto eodem termino coram eo venire fecit terminandum. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod caperet eos si etc. Et modo scilicet die Veneris in festo sancti Clementis isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Willelmus filius Ricardi. Et vicecomes retornat quod predicti Alanus Madour et Ricardus frater eiusdem Alani mortui sunt quod sufficienter testatum est hic in curia per plures fidedignos. Ideo nullus de eis fiat vltierius processus. (*Marg:* Obiit. Obiit.) Et predictus Willelmus de roborato et abductu predictorum Alani et Ricardi indictatus eat inde sine die etc.¹ (*Marg:* Sine die.)

¹ On m. 63 d. there is another record of the same trial, precisely similar, except that the date of the trial is *die Lune proximo post quindenam sancti Martini isto eodem termino*, i.e. November 26th instead of 23rd.

V

Trial in the King's Bench of Robert de Welbek on indictments before justices of the peace (p. 234, nos. 82-3, above); Michaelmas, 1375, at Lincoln (K.B. 27/459, Rex m. 43d.)

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias coram Willelmo de Huntynfeld et sociis suis nuper custodibus pacis domini regis in partibus de Holand extitit presentatum quod Robertus Heyk de Runton' die Mercurii proximo

post festum sancti Martini in yeme anno regni regis nunc tricesimo septimo apud Sanctum Botulphum domum Roberti de Welbek intrauit et ibi vnam cistam dicti Roberti de Welbek furtiue fregit et furtiue cepit decem libras auri et argenti et vnam zonam precij sex librarum et asportauit.

Et quod predictus Robertus de Welbek die et anno supradictis sequebatur dictum Robertum Heyk vsque Holbeche et ibi de eo cepit dietas decem libras et zonam et vltra de pecunia propria dicti Roberti Heyk viginti et quatuor libras argenti pro predicto furto celando. Per quod preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod venire faceret predictum Robertum de Welbek ad respondendum etc. Et modo scilicet die Sabati proximo post festum sancti Martini isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Lincoln' venit predictus Robertus de Welbek in propria persona sua. Et quesitum est ab eo si quid pro se habeat vel dicere sciat quare domino regi de bonis et catallis predictis respondere non debeat qui dicit quod ipse nunquam cepit de prefato Roberto Heyk predictas decem libras et zonam nec predictas viginti quatuor libras argenti pro predicto furto celando prout superius presentatum est. Et hoc paratus est verificare per patriam etc.

Et Thomas de Shardelowe qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod predictus Robertus Welbek cepit de predicto Roberto Heyk predictas decem libras zonam et predictas viginti quatuor libras argenti pro furto predicto celando prout superius presentatum est et hoc pro domino rege offert verificare per patriam etc. Et predictus Robertus Welbek similiter. Ideo veniat inde iurata coram domino rege in octabis sancti Hillarii vbicumque etc. Et qui etc. ad recognoscendum etc. Idem dies datus est eidem Roberto etc.

No further record has been found.

VI

Proceedings in the King's Bench in connection with the outlawry of Thomas Dyker, indicted before justices of the peace (p. 237, no. 98, above); Hilary, 1377, at Westminster (K.B. 27/464, Rex m. 2).

Marg: LINCOLN

Alias scilicet termino sancti Michelis anno regni regis nunc Anglie quadragesimo nono preceptum fuit vicecomiti quod exigi faceret Thomam de Dyker de Flete de comitatu in comitatu quousque etc. vtlagaretur si non etc. Et si etc. tunc eum caperet. Et saluo etc. ita quod haberet corpus eius coram domino rege in octabis sancti Michelis tunc proxime sequentibus vbicumque etc. ad respondendum domino regi de diuersis transgressionibus extortionibus dampnis et grauaminibus vnde coram custodibus pacis domino regis comitatus predicti indictatus est. Ad quem diem vicecomes retornauit quod in pleno comitatu Lincoln' tento apud

Lincoln' die Lune proximo post festum conceptionis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi tereii post conquestum quadragesimo nono Thomas de Dyker de Flete primo exactus fuit et non comparuit et sic exactus fuit de comitatu in comitatu vsque ad comitatum Lincoln' tentum apud Lincoln' die Lune proximo ante festum Pentecostes tunc proxime sequens quo die predictus Thomas quinto exactus fuit et non comparuit. Ideo vtlagatur. Ideo inquiretur de catallis etc. (*Marg: Vtlagatus.*)

Postea scilicet die Veneris proximo ante festum conuersionis sancti Pauli isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Thomas et reddidit se prisone Marescalcie domini regis occasione predicta. (*Marg: Marescalcie.*)

Postea scilicet die Lune proximo post festum conuersionis sancti Pauli isto eodem termino coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium venit predictus Thomas per Marescallum ductus. Et dicit quod dominus rex pardonauit ei vtlagariam predictam per literas suas patentes quas profert hic in curia in hec verba. Edwardus dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie. Omnibus balliuis et fidelibus suis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem. Sciatis quod cum Thomas de Dyker de Flete pro eo quod non venit in curia nostra coram nobis ad respondendum nobis de diuersis transgressionibus extorsionibus dampnis et grauaminibus vnde indietatus est in exigendo positus fuisset in comitatu Lincoln' ad vtlagandum et ea occasione post modum vtlagari prout per tenorem recordi et processus vtlagarie predictae quem coram nobis in cancellaria nostra venire fecimus nobis constat idemque Thomas prisone Marescalcie nostre coram nobis se reddiderit occasionibus predictis et in eadem moretur sicut dilectus et fidelis noster Iohannes Cauendissh capitalis iusticiarius noster nobis in dicta cancellaria nostra sub sigillo suo de mandato nostro certificauit. Nos pietate moti pardonauimus eidem Thome vtlagariam predictam et firmam pacem nostram ei inde concedimus ita tamen quod stet recto in curia nostra si nos versus eum loqui voluerimus de transgressionibus extorsionibus dampnis et grauaminibus supradictis. In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo tereio die Ianuarii anno regni nostri quinquagesimo regni vero nostri Francie tricesimo septimo. (*Marg: Carta de pardonacione.*)

Quarum pretextu idem Thomas de Dyker petit ipsum ad communem legem restitui et restituitur etc. Et super hoc predictus Thomas petit ipsum admitti ad finem faciendam cum domino rege pro transgressionibus predictis et admittitur prout patet per rotulos finium de isto eodem termino. Ideo predictus Thomas de Dyker eat inde sine die etc. (*Marg: Sine die.*)

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